

When I Pondered In the Quran



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Dedication

I dedicate this book “When I Pondered in the Quran” to my parents, may Allah make it a source of ongoing charity for the forgiveness of their sins and elevation of their ranks in the Hereafter. Ameen! I pray to Allah_(SWT) to forgive all their sins and also make me a source of ongoing charity for them. Ameen! At the same time, may Allah_(SWT) make this book a source of reward and guidance for me, my family, relatives, friends, and all those who read it. Ameen!

Preface

O Muslims, we are the best of creatures because of our intellect. If we do not use it, and do not ponder, the Quran states we are worse than cattle. Numerous verses emphasize that Allah values those who possess intellect and understanding. For example, the Quran says: “Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding” (3:190). And of His Signs is that He has created mates for you from your own kind that you may find peace in them, and He has set between you love and mercy. Surely there are Signs in this for those who reflect (30:21). Emphasizing that the wonders of Allah's creation are meant for contemplation and understanding. Another relevant verse states, “The fact is that among the servants of Allah, **only those who have knowledge fear Him**” (35:28). The verse highlights that the truly God-fearing people are those who are educated and understand the teachings of the Quran by meditating on the universal signs and the Quran. Such people obey Allah by His Attributes as their Creator, worship Him, fear His disobedience, and love Him above all. To understand the miraculous nature of the Quran, it is necessary to study it with understanding. Reflecting on Allah's signs, understanding His commandments, and interpreting the Quran correctly deepens the piety, love, and reverence of Allah in our hearts.

We can summarize a) Quran urges believers to reflect on natural phenomena and the complexities of life, and a thoughtful examination of the surroundings. b) The Quran urges humans to use their intellect, as highlighted in the verse: Surely there are countless signs for those who use their reason; in the constant alternation of night and day, in the vessels which speed across the sea carrying goods that are of profit to people, and in the rain-water which Allah sends down from the sky and thereby quickens the earth after it was dead, and spreads over it all kinds of animate creatures, in the blowing of the winds and in the clouds which obediently wait

for orders between the sky and the earth (2:164). Quran encourages man to reflect on the signs of Allah, their meanings, and to pursue understanding. c) Those who do not ponder with reason and understanding, regarding them the Quran says: **Indeed, the worst kind of all beasts in the sight of Allah are the people that are deaf and dumb, and do not understand** (8:22). Indicating that critical thinking reflects faith and comprehension. d) It recounts stories of past nations and prophets as lessons, urging readers to reflect on those events and its consequences. Invites them to critically analyze and apply lessons from the Quran to their own lives. e) The Quran promotes respectful dialogue among differing beliefs, creating an environment conducive to critical thinking and diverse perspectives. f) The pursuit of knowledge is highly valued in Islam, and the Quran encourages investigation, learning and implementation of what is good for the society. In nutshell Islam was, is, from Adam(AS) till Muhammad(SAW).

The aim of my book "When I Pondered in the Quran," is to provide a concise insight into the Quran as I understood it. I hope this will encourage my readers to study the Quran thoughtfully and reflect on its meanings. May Allah make this book a source of motivation for understanding the Quran and make it a source of guidance that will lead us to His pleasure. On the Day of Judgment may Allah accept my books as a preaching effort on my part to call people to Allah's religion of Islam. Ameen! I conclude the preface with a quatrain of my Urdu poem.

Ki koshish khoon-e jigar se likhon shaan teri
 With heart felt feelings I tried to write the Awe of Yee
Nah dai paya insan jab aayat mislai Quran teri
 When humanity could not produce a verse like Thy Quran
Yeh khaki phir kaisay kabhi likh paye ga shaan teri
 How will I ever be able to describe The Awe of Yee
Kar qubool koshishai Haleem ke itni si hai oraan meri
 Please accept effort of Haleem as this is my limit

In dire need of supplications
 Abdul Haleem Siddiq

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Purpose of Life

To grasp the purpose of life, consider this: when someone creates something purposeless, others deem him crazy. Whereas Allah is free of all flaws. In the Quran, it is stated that Allah has not created the heavens, the earth, and all that exists between without a purpose. That is the fancy of those who denied the Truth. So, woe from the Fire to all who deny the Truth. Shall We then treat alike those that believe and act righteously and those that create mischief on earth (38:27-28)? Did you imagine that We created you without any purpose, and that you will not be brought back to Us" (23:115)? The above verses clearly indicate that Allah has created us with a purpose which only He knows. Because he never creates anything in vain. In another place in the Quran Allah says: It was not for sport that We created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them. We did not create them except in Truth. But most of them do not know (44:38-39).

In my opinion Allah wants to select the humans and the jinn who will meet the standards of His requirements. As mentioned in my book "The Four Purposes of Life". We are the best of the creation because of our intellect. **The first purpose of our creation** is to learn to use our intellect to the maximum we can. When we use it and ponder in the signs in the horizon and in the signs around us and in the signs within us, we will recognize our Creator and love Him and adore Him. **This is the second purpose of life.** When we truly love someone, everything related to him becomes precious to us. Allah Almighty loves His creatures seventy folds more than their mothers. If we make Allah our true beloved, we will love all of them to please Him and will take care of His creatures, especially humans, with justice. Following His instructions, we would not break the bond of kinship etc. That is why the Quran says: **By the time! Lo! Man is in a state of loss; save those who have faith and do righteous deeds, and counsel each other to hold on to truth and counsel each other to be steadfast. This is the third purpose of life.** When we see a dear creature of our beloved (human being)

walking on the wrong path, we will try to guide them. Thus, we will show people the right path by making our character a beacon of light for them. **This is the fourth purpose of life.** Most probably, Allah will choose those who fulfilled the purpose of life, for His work. Rest only Allah knows best. To enhance it the Quran says: Allah created death and life that He might try you as to which of you is better in deeds. He is the Most Mighty, the Most Forgiving (67:2). And those who use their intellect, the Quran says about them: Surely in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are signs for men of understanding. those who remember Allah while standing, sitting or (reclining) on their backs, and reflect in the creation of the heavens and the earth, (saying): 'Our Lord! You have not created this in vain. Glory to You! Save us, then, from the chastisement of the Fire (3:190-191). It further says: I created the jinn and humans for nothing else but that they may serve Me (51:56). The primary goal of worldly trials is to overcome the evils of free will and submit to Allah.

Let's consider: It is often claimed that the super geniuses like Einstein utilized only 15% of their brain, while today, with advancements in technology, the super genius individuals are now able to use 20 percent of their brain power. What we see in the world today is the accomplishment of few thousand geniuses. Now imagine a paradise where its inhabitants would not have to worry about sustenance, being sick or having children (it was a worldly instinct to have children until the last person to come into the world). The people of Paradise are, who, in their worldly lives, had learned to overcome worries, prejudices, resentments, and had developed in their character a genuine compassion to care for Allah's creatures, and before entering paradise, the small flaws in their hearts had been removed. Can we imagine the people of Paradise, with high morals (which they acquired in worldly life), who will learn to use their intellect to its full potential, what super genius they will be and what feats will they be able to accomplish together? Can any super genius of the world be compared to them? No! Moreover, they will have the help of pious jinn, who will

enhance their physical and mental abilities to perform unimaginable feats. Allah(SWT) had distributed 1% of His mercy to His creation, which had created in the creation the love of parents, spouse, children etc. Similarly, if we assume that He distributed 1% of His intellect to humans, that would be equal to one trillionth of one percent of Allah's intellect per person, considering the entire human population till the Day of Judgment. Can humanity ever encompass even a little bit of Allah's intellect? Subhan-Allah, no. This is just my intuition, rest Allah knows best.

People ask?

1. What was before God: Obviously the questioner does not understand the concept of God (Allah). He is an eternal Being, who had always existed, exists, and will always exist. Just for argument's sake, if we assume He came into being by chance, then why other gods did not come into existence? Before the Big Bang Theory, most humans accepted the concept of an eternal universe based on Steady State Theory, but are not ready to accept the concept of an eternal Creator. The next topic, "Why One God," explains this further.

2. Why One God: In the Quran, Allah asks: Have they taken earthly gods who are such that they raise up the dead to life? Then says: Had there been any gods in the heavens and the earth apart from Allah, the order of both the heavens and the earth would have gone to ruins. Glory be to Allah, the Lord of the Throne, Who is far above their false descriptions of Him (21:21-22). Never did Allah take unto Himself any son, nor is there any god other than He. (Had there been any other gods) each god would have taken his creatures away with him, and each would have rushed to overpower the other. Glory be to Allah from all that they characterize Him with (23:91). The verses states that if there were other gods besides Allah, the heavens and the earth would fall into disorder. Additionally, the Quran depicts the scenario on the Day of Judgment: There they will quarrel with one another, and the erring ones will say (to their deities): "By Allah, we were surely in clear error when we assigned to you a position equal

to that of the Lord of the Universe (26:96-98). These verses clarify the concept of the oneness of Allah and the non-existence of any rival. If there were other gods with him, as they claim, they would surely have tried to dethrone the Lord of the Universe, the universal order and balance would be destroyed. We humans agree that there cannot be two kings in a kingdom, nor two prime ministers nor two presidents in a state, because that would disrupt the system. Thus, how can we associate other gods with Allah. Civilizations that worship many gods often portray their gods battling each other in their dramas and movies, causing destruction of human lives. Have we seen anyone other than human gods spreading chaos? No.

3. Why are there so Many Religions: In the Quran Allah says: Initially all humans were a single community; then they disagreed and formulated different beliefs and rites. This divergence has often been influenced by corrupt officials and miscreant scholars who created different doctrines, and people followed them blindly. In the Quran Allah says: Had Allah so willed the people who had seen clear signs would not have fought against one another after the Prophets. But (it was not Allah's will to prevent people forcibly from differences: so) they disagreed; then some of them accepted the Truth and others rejected it. Since Adam^(AS) till today, miscreant scholars have always discouraged their followers from studying the Divine Books. While Allah said: Hold fast to the rope of Allah (today the Quran) and be not divided. If Allah had willed, He could have made them all one community. However, due to authority and freedom of choice people did not adhere to the Divine doctrine, instead, they distorted the beliefs and created many false beliefs, resulting in the division of humanity into sects. It is in a hadith that the Prophet^(SAW) said: The Jews split into 72 sects, my Ummah will split into 73 sects, only one will go to Paradise. The Companions asked, "Which sect will it be?" The sect that will follow the Quran, my traditions, and the traditions of my true companions. They were nothing but Muslims (no sect). Adam^(AS) was a Muslim, similarly, about one hundred and twenty four thousand prophets were all Muslims. Those who do not act with reason, those who do not understand the attributes of their Merciful Lord, they are

the ones who with collaboration of the miscreant scholars start worshipping mortal things as gods and intercessors instead one Lord Allah. Miscreant scholars are the major reason behind the invention of different religions. It is an unforgivable sin if not repented in this mortal life. To understand it, let's consider: If a man goes to a king's court and tells him that in his opinion there are other kings in his kingdom. What will he do?

4. What Was He Doing Before Creating the Universe:

These queries stem in the mind of those who have no clue of Allah's eternal attributes and the nature of time. His supreme attributes are independent of His creation, and His existence transcends human understanding and time. Allah says in the Quran that He can create many more universes if He wills. Allah is not bound by time; but time is bound by Him. Time is of significance for His creation but is of no significance for Him. **Allah says that all beings in the heavens and the earth call upon Him for their needs, and He engages in new and mighty tasks each day.** Which of your Lord's laudable attributes will you deny? O you men and jinn, who are a burden on the earth, We shall attend to you and call you to account. We shall then see, which of the favors of your Lord will you men and jinn then deny (55:29-32). The Quran also conveys that a day in heaven may equal a thousand years or even fifty thousand years on earth, emphasizing that time does not hold true significance for Allah. In the Quran, Allah states that He created the universe in six days, which, according to science is approximately 13.8 billion years, with each day representing roughly 2 billion years. Demonstrates that time holds no significance for the Lord. Thus, it is a wrong question to ask what Allah was doing before creating the universe. His existence transcends time.

5. Why did Allah create me? Allah creates everything with a purpose known only to Him. Humans and jinn were created for a specific purpose with intelligence, free will and freedom of choice. In my opinion its purpose is to train the positive use of reason and power with free will. The heavenly people and jinn will be those who meditate on the signs of the universe, the signs around them and the signs within themselves and engage in good deeds while harmonizing with others in the worldly life. The answer to

why Allah created me is straightforward: Allah created Adam, and from his rib He created Eve, and made many pairs of them, resulting in you. All kinds of people were needed for this worldly test. Are our university exams easy? No. Do we ask why we are tested to pass? No.

6. When Allah knows who will go to Hell or Paradise, then why does He test us?

People ask when Allah knows who will go to Hell and who will go to Paradise, then why make us go thru the worldly trials. In my opinion there are two reasons for it. 1) Imagine a skilled teacher who knows which students will pass in which grade, and which students will fail. If the teacher decides the fate of the students based on his intuition, the students who fail will argue that they had worked hard and prepared well for the exam and would have passed with good grades if the exam had been taken. This worldly test is also to eliminate their objection in the hereafter. Allah is All-Knowing, He can never be wrong, it is His mercy that He tests us. 2) Just as the purpose of the school curriculum is to prepare students for the worldly demands of life, the purpose of the worldly examination is to prepare a person for the Hereafter. The test is to use reason to get out of the ranks of animals, avoid arrogance, adopt humility and piety, and take care of all creatures, especially human beings, and live with each other in love and harmony.

7. Why Allah Did Not Create Everyone Equal:

People often ask why Allah did not make everyone equal in wealth and status. Before reflecting on the Quran, I used to say that such a system cannot work because there will be no workers (to manage food and other things). Upon further contemplation, I realized that this would have turned violent immediately stronger groups would have enslaved the weaker ones for labour, this would have started the era of oppression (it is Islam that tries to strike a balance), leading us back to our current state. Before arriving at the current state, the situation would have been extremely chaotic. If we consider the story of Adam and his descendants, we see that despite being equal, one brother Abel killed the other brother Cain. Allah Almighty in the Quran says: [And if Allah had not been repelling one set of people by means of another, the earth](#)

would have been filled with chaos. But Allah is bountiful to the world (and so repels chaos in this way) (2:251). That is why Allah in the Quran says: If Allah were to grant ample sustenance to His servants, they would go about transgressing in the land. But He sends down in due measure whatever (sustenance) He wills (42:27). These verses confirm that if Allah were to give abundant sustenance to His servants, they would wreak havoc on the earth. Instead, Allah provides controlled sustenance to prevent such cruelty and disorder. Allah describes it in the Quran as follows: Is it they who distribute the Mercy of your Lord? It is We Who have distributed their livelihood among them in the life of this world and have raised some above others in rank that some of them may harness others to their service. Your Lord's Mercy is better than all the treasures that they hoard (43:32). In the same way the immense mercy of Allah is evident from His frequent sending of prophets for guidance and ending the domination of oppressive nations through other nations. Quran says: Unfortunately, those who give the lie to the Reward and Punishment of the Hereafter, are the one who repulses the orphans away and do not urge the feeding of the needy. When such a nation oppresses others, Allah, in His mercy, sends a prophet to guide them. If they persist in oppression, Allah destroys them to restore harmony and care in society. It is also His mercy that He does not immediately punish our sins; if He did, no humans would remain on earth. I hope now people will understand that Allah does everything with wisdom. Further Allah says: **Had Lord's treasures been in the possession of man, he would have held them back lest they should be spent up. Man is ever niggardly.** O people, by following commandments of Allah's, we can achieve a status greater than that of angels, while arrogance, selfishness, envy, malice, and hostility reduce us to being worse than animals. Regrettably, because of free will and authority, few people follow its path, while most are inclined towards error, which leads to the spread of evil. Therefore, the man who creates evil is responsible for it.

8. Would an Unbeliever of Good Morals go to Hell? A person asked me, why an unbeliever who cares for the needy and maintains good relationships with his kins and his neighbors would go to Hell. I said, I will ask you a

question, the explanation of the query lies in the answer you will give. I asked, if this person approached a king's court and declared, "O king, I do not acknowledge you as my king," what would the king do? He responded, "Obviously, he would execute him." I further inquired: A century ago, before the advent of TV, radio, or telephones, did we not accept kings without seeing them? What excuse do we have for not accepting the Lord of the Universe without seeing Him? Did people of that time say, "To believe we have to see him in person"? No. Failing to use one's intellect is not an excuse, rather it is incriminating oneself. Our intellect is meant to reflect on the signs in the horizon, in our surroundings, and within ourselves and to recognize our Creator, Allah. In a hadith the Prophet(SAW), said, "Verily, when the unbeliever performs a good deed, he is given a taste of its reward in the world. As for the believer, Allah will store his good deeds for him in the Hereafter and provide his sustenance in the world due to his obedience (Muslim 2808)." Proving Allah is All-Just.

Further in a hadith it was narrated that the Messenger of Allah(SAW) said: "Indeed, Allah even does not wrong a believer in the matter of a good deed. He rewards him in this world, and He is rewarded in the Hereafter as well. Even a disbeliever, he is rewarded for the good deeds he has done by Allah in this world. When he reaches the Hereafter, there is no good left to be rewarded."

9. Why Does Allah Accept the Prayers of the

Dis-believers: There are two reasons for this: a) Allah is a just Lord of all creatures. Therefore, He has made it obligatory upon Himself to answer the call of all callers, whether they are believers or not. b) To explain further, Allah says in the Quran: *If it were not that all mankind would disbelieve, We would have made for all those who disbelieved in the Merciful One, their houses with silver roofs, and silver stairs to climb, and silver doors to their houses, with silver couches to recline on. Or would have even made them of gold. Surely all this is only the enjoyment of the life of the world. But true prosperity with Your Lord is only for the God-fearing in the Hereafter (43:33-35).* The verses say that if it were not for the fear that all people would become disbelievers, Allah would have given the disbelievers

plenty of sustenance to enjoy this worldly life, before facing the severe punishment of the Hereafter. It proves that humans are greedy. The purpose of this worldly life is to recognize Allah by the signs in the universe, the signs around us and the signs within us, then love Him with all our heart and soul, obey Him and worship Him. To enter Paradise, it is a must: i) Man should strive for the goals set by Allah, ii) be content with what He has provided him, and iii) develop compassion for all His creatures, especially humans, to please Him.

10. Can Allah create a rock so heavy; He cannot lift it:

It is Allah who created the entire universe. Logical impossibilities do not constrain Allah's power, rather they highlight our limitations in understanding them. The paradox of the unliftable rock highlights the limitations of human logic to grasp Allah's Omnipotence. In the Quran Allah says that He can create multiple more universes if willed. Divine Omnipotence means that Allah has unlimited powers within and outside our logical coherence. Since man has a very limited understanding of Allah's infinite powers. That is why in Islam, Allah is an Omnipotent Being beyond all logical possibilities. The questioner did not understand the concept of Divine Omnipotence. Allah Almighty means that Allah has unlimited powers and authority, both within and outside our logic. Recognizing these Divine Powers deepens our love for Allah and strengthens our connection with the Creator. Thus, this question is illogical and meaningless.

11. Why We Cannot Question the Lord: In the Quran Allah says: Had Allah so willed the people who had seen clear signs would not have fought against one another after the Prophets. But (it was not Allah's will to prevent people forcibly from differences: so) they disagreed; then some of them accepted the Truth and others rejected it.

Quran says

1. Those Who do not Ponder in the Signs (of Quran): In the Quran Allah says: *And certainly, We have created for Hell many of the jinn and mankind; they have hearts with which they fail to understand; and they have eyes with which they fail to see; and they have ears with which they fail to hear.*

They are like cattle indeed, even more astray. Such are utterly heedless (7-179). I recall reading a scientist stating that the entire universe is a must for life on Earth. But unfortunately, despite all his abilities, man rejected the complexity of universe's design and instead proposed a theory of chance. Quran calls such people blind, deaf, and dumb. Their example is like a person driving a car lost in his thoughts, with open eyes he sees nothing, with his ears he hears nothing, lost in his thoughts and prejudice, unaware of the reality. In the Quran Allah says unlock your hearts of all prejudice and then ponder in the signs in the universe, the signs around you and the signs within you, you will find Me. Allah in Surah Mulk says: Who created the seven heavens one upon another. You will see no incongruity in the Merciful's creation. Turn your vision again, can you see any flaw? Then turn your vision again, and then again; in the end your vision will come back to you, worn out and frustrated. We have adorned the lower heaven with lamps (67:3-5). **Physicists claim to have found evidence indicating that the universe is finely tuned for life and consciousness.** They reached the conclusion based on the constants of nature, the unchanging numbers like the strength of gravity, the charge of an electron and the mass of a proton. If they were tiniest bit different, then atoms would not hold together, stars would not burn, and life would never have made an appearance. I also read in another place where the scientists said, if the Big Bang had been minutely stronger the planets would not have formed, thus life would not be possible. Similarly, if it was minutely weaker, it would have collapsed back to the pre-Big Bang state. Subhan-Allah! Further Allah in verses (55:33-36) challenges humans and Jinn and says: O company of jinn (devils) and men, if you have the power to go beyond the bounds of the heavens and the earth, go beyond them! Yet you will be unable to go beyond them **for that requires infinite power.** Which of your Lord's marvels will you deny? (If you so venture) a flame of fire and smoke shall be lashed at you, which you shall be unable to withstand (radiations, high temperatures and bombardment of charged particles). Finally, the Quran warns that: **Whoever lived in this world as dumb shall live as blind in the Life to**

Come; rather, he will be even farther astray than if he were (just) blind (17:72). That is a person who does not use his intellect is worse than a blind man and shall be raised blind in the Hereafter. Have they not journeyed in the land that their hearts might understand, and their ears might listen? For indeed it is not the eyes that are blinded; it is rather the hearts in the breasts that are rendered blind (22:46).

2. Those Who Without Knowledge Think They

Are on The Right Path: The Quran in the Surah Al-Kahf says: O Prophet! Shall we tell you who are the most unsuccessful people in their actions? **Those whose efforts in the life of the world were straying from the right path and they thought that they were doing everything right.** Those are the ones who refused to believe in the revelations of their Lord and that they are bound to meet Him. Hence, all their deeds have come to naught, and We shall assign no weight to them on the Day of Resurrection (18:103-105). We humans are the best creatures because of our intellect and consciousness, but unfortunately when it comes to understanding our creator or our religion, we blindly follow our scholars and without any understanding think that we are on the right path (may Allah give us guidance and grant us the ability to study the Quran with understanding). Allah(SWT) has always sent Prophets and Messengers to guide the human race when truth has been covered by falsehood and the Divine Books have been changed by miscreant scholars. Those who follow their scholars blindly consider themselves to be on the right path, as such they will never try to seek true guidance, they can never reach the truth. Hence their destiny will be the Hellfire. This is the gist of the above verses.

3. Never Claim you are Allah's Beloved: Quran says: The Jews and the Christians say: "We are Allah's children and His beloved ones." Ask them: "Why, then, does He chastise you for your sins?" You are the same as other men He has created. He forgives whom He wills and chastises whom He wills. And to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them. To Him is the eventual return (5:18). Nor assume like the Jews and

Christians that the fire of Hell will not touch you. In a hadith the Prophet(SAW) said that one out of a thousand will enter Paradise, in another similar hadith it says one in a hundred will enter Paradise. Those who will enter Paradise will be by the Mercy of Allah.

4. Merciful Lord Listens to Every Caller: In the Quran Allah says He listens to every caller and responds. The Prophet(SAW) told us that Allah responds to our prayers in four ways: i) Gives the caller immediately. ii) Replaces it with that which would be better for him. iii) Saves it for the Day of Judgment. iv) Delays it to test his patience. To build patience in us, the Quran says: He governs from the heaven to the earth and then the record (of this governance) goes up to Him in a day whose measure is a thousand years in your reckoning (32:5). So don't hurry, be patient! The stories of the prophets confirm it. The Quran says: By which the angels and the Spirit ascend to Him in one Day the duration of which is fifty thousand years. So, (O Prophet), persevere with gracious perseverance (70:4-5).

5. Allah dislikes Arrogance: And recall when We asked the angels to prostrate themselves before Adam; all prostrated themselves except Satan, who said: "Shall I prostrate myself before him whom You created of clay? He then said: "Look! This is he whom You have exalted above me! If you will grant me respite till the Day of Resurrection, I shall uproot whole of his progeny except only a few." Then He said, "Go away! Hell shall be the recompense- and a most ample one, and the reward of those who follow you. Tempt with your call all whom you wish. Muster against them all your forces - your cavalry and your foot soldiers; share with them riches and offspring and seduce them with rosy promises - and Satan's promise is nothing but a deception but know well that you will have no power against My servants. Your Lord suffices for them to place their trust in" (17:61-65).

6. Prophets are Chosen on Merits: Quran tells us that Allah selects Prophets based on merit. Disbelievers and some weak believers often question why they were not chosen as prophets. Allah in the Quran sets forth two criteria:

First criteria: Whenever there comes to them a sign from Allah, they say: “We will not believe until we are given what was given to the Messengers of Allah.” Allah knows best where to place His message (most suited). Soon shall these wicked ones meet with humiliation and severe chastisement from Allah for all their evil plotting (6:124). When I was studying in U.K. my Palestinian friend also once complained that Allah chooses anyone as His prophet, why not me? **The second criteria** the Quran mentions for choosing a prophet are those individuals who prioritize the concern for the Hereafter. And remember Our servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob they were endowed with great strength and vision. Verily We exalted them in consideration of a sterling quality: their remembrance of the Abode of the Hereafter (38:45-46).

7. Duty of a Messenger is to Convey the Message: The Messenger is bound only to deliver the message, whereafter Allah knows well all that you disclose and all that you conceal (5:99). And if they remonstrate with you, tell them: 'I have submitted my whole being to Allah, and so have those who follow me.' And ask the People of the Book as well as those who follow no heavenly Scripture: 'Have you also submitted (to Allah)?' If they have submitted to Him, they are indeed on the right way but if they deviate from submitting to Allah, then your duty is merely to deliver the message. Allah observes the affairs of His servants (3:20). Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and beware. But if you turn away, then know well that Our Messenger had merely to deliver the message clearly (5:92). Your Lord knows you best. He will have mercy on you if He wills and chastise you if He wills. We have not sent you, (O Muhammad), as an overseer over them (17:54).

8. Coming of Muhammad(saw) was foretold: And recall when Allah took a covenant from the Prophets: “This is the Book and the Wisdom which I have given you. But should a Prophet come to you confirming that which is already with you, you shall believe in him and shall help him.” So, saying, Allah asked: “Do you agree and accept to take up the burden of the covenant?” They answered: “We

agree,” He said: “Then bear witness; and I will be with you among the witness. Then whosoever shall turn away from this covenant they are the transgressors. Do they now seek a religion other than prescribed by Allah even though all that is in the heavens and the earth is in submission to Him, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him all shall return (3:81-83)?

9. Even Prophet(SAW) Cannot Change the Quran: (O Muhammad), they had all but tempted you away from what We have revealed to you that you may invent something else in Our Name. Had you done so, they would have taken you as their trusted friend. Indeed, had We not strengthened you, you might have inclined to them a little, whereupon We would have made you taste double (the chastisement) in the world and double (the chastisement) after death, and then you would have found none to help you against Us (17:73-75).

10. Muslims do not discriminate in respecting and honoring all the Prophets: We Muslims respect and honor all the prophets, but still our love for our prophet is greater than the rest, due to four reasons: **1)** He(SAW) was sent as a guide who fulfilled this role excellently, just like the other prophets. Not only did he convey Allah's message, but he also served as a living example of the Quran by following it. So why shouldn't we love him more? **2)** Our beloved Prophet(SAW) would cry and pray to Allah for hours during Tahajjud prostrations, pleading for our salvation, saying, "O Allah, my Ummah." If he cared so deeply for us, why shouldn't we love him more? **3)** Once Gabriel(AS) came to the Prophet(SAW) and told him(SAW) that there are six classifications in the Hellfire. The sixth classification in the bottom will be for the hypocrites, fifth classification will be for the Polytheist, fourth for the non-believers, third for the Jews and second for the Christians. After that Gabriel(AS) stopped, the Prophet(SAW) enquired about the dwellers of the first classification. Gabriel(AS) replied, sinners of your Ummah. The Prophet(SAW) was so grieved that he(SAW) fell in prostration to the Lord of the Throne. For three days he(SAW) would pray

his obligatory prayers in the mosque and immediately go home and fall down in prostration begging Allah to forgive his_(SAW) Ummah. On the third day Gabriel_(AS) came and gave him the message from Allah that on the Day of Judgment He will not disappoint him. Then why will we not love him more? **4)** Every prophet was awarded a supplication which Allah would not reject. All prophets used it in this world. Our Prophet_(SAW) saved it for the Day of Judgment. Even when his son Ibrahim was dying in his hands, his kin asked him to use that special prayer, he refused and saved it for his ummah (for you and me). Then why should we not send peace and blessings upon our beloved? Secondly, our Lord also commands us to send peace and blessings upon the Prophet_(SAW).

11. People of the Book will all believe in the second coming of Christ: (They have incurred Allah's wrath) for their breaking the covenant, and their rejection of the signs of Allah, and for slaying Prophets without right, and for saying: "Our hearts are wrapped up in covers" even though in fact Allah has sealed their hearts because of their unbelief, so that they scarcely believe and for their going so far in unbelief as uttering against Mary a mighty calumny, and their saying: 'We slew the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary', the Messenger of Allah - whereas in fact they had neither slain him nor crucified him but the matter was made dubious to them - and those who differed about it too were in a state of doubt! They have no definite knowledge of it, but merely follow conjecture; and they surely slew him not, but Allah raised him to Himself. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. **There are none among the People of the Book but will believe in him before his death, and he will be a witness against them on the Day of Resurrection** (4:155-159).

12. Stop Blaming Allah: Allah in the Quran says: Whatever good happens to you is from Allah; and whatever misfortune smites you is because of your own action. We have sent you to mankind (O Muhammad!) as a Messenger, and Allah is sufficient as a witness (4:79).

Man will cause the tilt in Universal Balance

One night during my Tahajjud prayers, while reciting Surah Ar-Rahman, its verses startled me, the verses were: He has raised up the heaven and setup its balance, do not transgress the balance (55:7-8). That is, not to fiddle with the universal balance. This verse shocked me as to why Allah mentioned it. As Allah neither creates anything without purpose, nor mentions meaningless things. After deliberating on the verses, I reached the conclusion that this is an indication that man will tamper with the universal balance, just as he is tampering with the nature and weather. Further to enforce it in Surah Fatir Allah says: Surely Allah holds the heavens and the earth (in their orbits), lest they should be displaced there, for if they were displaced (from the orbit) none would be able to hold them after Him. Surely, He is Most Forbearing, Most Forgiving (35:41). From this I concluded that it would be man who would upset the universal balance to usher in the Day of Judgment. Rest Allah knows best. Say, "Our Lord will gather us together, then He will judge between us with the truth. For He is All-Knowing Judge." Say to them, "Show me those whom you have made associates with Him."

Three Aspects of Story of Adam_(AS)

1. Creation of Adam: When pondering on the background of Adam_(AS)'s creation which the Quran describes as follows: Just recall the time when your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to appoint a vicegerent on the Earth." They humbly enquired, "Are you going to appoint such a one who will cause disorder and shed blood on the Earth? We are already engaged in hymning Your praise and hallowing Your name" (They were curious as to why Allah wanted to create such a creature that would cause mischief on earth). Allah replied, "I know what you do not know." After this he taught Adam the names of all things (i.e., due to his intellect, he understood them). Then He set these before the angels and

asked, “If you are right (that the administrative system would deteriorate with the appointment of a human vicegerent), tell Me the names of these things” They replied, “Glory be to You. You alone are free from defect. We possess only that much knowledge which You have given us. Indeed, You alone are All-Knowing and All-Wise” (2:30-32). Since man was to be sent to earth as Allah’s vicegerent, it was essential that he be granted freedom of choice. Reflecting on these Quranic verses, two questions arose in my mind. The initial query that arises is: How did the angels foresee that humans would bring chaos to earth? Scholars provide two explanations: The first suggests that angels assumed this due to the havoc caused by jinn on earth because of their free will. The second reason that is mentioned in Ibn Kathir's commentary is that Allah Almighty told some angels about it. In my opinion, this is more understandable because no one knows about the future except Allah.

The next significant query that comes to mind, which I would like to pose to the reader: “Could a minister of Pharaoh or a dictator's minister ask him what he was doing?” Everyone would say. “No one would dare!” It is the Merciful Omnipotent Lord who not only permitted such questioning but also provided explanations. Which proves our Lord's immense patience and tolerance. It is because of these attributes that He does not take us to account immediately for our misdeeds. Yet most scholars try to depict the Merciful and Just Lord as a harsh Lord. Hence, on the Day of Judgment, no one will be able to offer any excuse to evade His justice. O our sustainer Lord, we did not value You, which was Your right. All praises are to You, forgive us and instill Your love in our hearts. Ameen!

2. Incident of Adam_(AS) and Satan in Paradise

Scholars say that when Adam_(AS) and Eve ate from the forbidden tree, they were expelled from Paradise. Eve descended on Mount Rehma and Adam_(AS) on a mountain in Sri Lanka. This seems absurd for two main reasons, the first being crucial: Upon reflecting in the Quran on the story of Adam_(AS) and Eve, few questions arose in my mind. The

Quran states: Then the two of them ate the fruit of that tree and their shameful parts became revealed to each other (i.e., all comforts and facilities were withdrawn), 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.** Hence forth if there comes to you a guidance from Me, then whosoever follows My guidance (i.e., those who ponder and follow the guidance of the Lord) **shall neither go astray nor suffer misery”** (20:121-123). The above verses indicate that Allah forgave Adam and Eve in Paradise and made them His vicegerents on earth. If Allah had pardoned them, why would He place them separately in different parts of the world? For argument’s sake, if we accept that they landed as claimed, it raises further questions. Adam and Eve were the only humans in the world at that time, surrounded by wild animals. a) How did Eve protect herself from the wild beasts? b) Adam must have been an exceptional swimmer to cross the sea from Siri Lanka to India. He must have known the shortest distance of 55km from where to swim to India. c) Adam_(AS) must have had Google map in his brain that led him to his spouse Eve? In a narration it is said that both Adam and Eve descended on Jabal Al-Rahma (Mount Mercy), situated in Arafat, which, in my opinion is logical and reflects the attributes of the Merciful Lord. It is also written on Jabal Al-Rahma that Adam and Eve descended on this mountain. Yet, scholars of all sects by narrating Israelite traditions try to portray the Lord of the Universe as a harsh Lord.

3. Why did Allah send Adam and Eve to Paradise? The Quran says that Allah made Adam his vicegerent on earth and nowhere said that he will be his vicegerent in paradise. Although the universe and the earth existed then because the Quran mentions the jinn inhabited the earth before the creation of Adam and are still one of the inhabitants of the earth, this raises three questions. **First**

question: Why did Allah send Adam and Eve to live in Paradise? In the Quran, it is mentioned that when Satan refused to prostrate to Adam, Allah asked him: “What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?” He replied: “I am better than him; You created me from fire and him from clay.” Allah then instructed him: “Get down from here, for it is not for you to be arrogant in this place. Hence, be gone; you are indeed among the humiliated” (7:12-13). On reflecting on these verses: **Second question:** What was Satan doing in the Paradise? **Third question:** Why did Allah prohibit Adam and Eve from eating the fruit of a certain tree among the many trees? Consider this example: If I presented you with twenty-four identical marker pens and put my finger on one and tell you to choose any one you wanted except this one, wouldn't that sound absurd? It highlights its futility.

When I pondered on the story, six reasons came to mind:

i) Allah, the All-Knowing, was aware of Adam's faults and weaknesses at the time of his creation, including one major weakness that man often overlooks, which is the main reason for his failure in the test of worldly trials.

ii) Satan's presence in Paradise was crucial in revealing this major weakness to Adam.

iii) Before appointing Adam as His vicegerent on Earth, it was crucial to address his greatest vulnerability. The Quran indicates that Allah warned Adam and Eve about their staunch enemy, Satan, before sending them to Paradise. Quran says: Recall when We said to the angels: “Prostrate yourselves before Adam”; all prostrated themselves save Satan. He refused. **Then We said: “Adam! He is an enemy to you and to your wife. So let him not drive both of you out of Paradise and plunge you into affliction, (for in Paradise) neither are you hungry nor naked, nor face thirst or scorching heat.” But Satan seduced him, saying: “Adam! Shall I direct you to a tree of eternal life and an abiding kingdom?”** Then the two of them ate the fruit of that tree..., thus Adam disobeyed his Lord and strayed into error (20:116-121). Despite warning them about Satan, they succumbed to temptation due to this hideous weakness and fell into affliction. When they repented, Allah forgave them in

Paradise (rejection of the Christianity's concept of original sin). This flaw destroys social harmony, so in my opinion facing its consequences was necessary.

iv) In my view, the greatest weakness of man is believing in hearsay. Although Allah warned Adam and Eve that Satan was their eternal enemy, yet because of this weakness, Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. Since this weakness prompts man to act irrationally, it was necessary for him to suffer the consequences of this abominable weakness before he was appointed as Allah's vicegerent on earth, so that he and his progeny would try to avoid it in this worldly life. Unfortunately, we humans have not learned any lesson from our forefather Adam_(AS). One reason for this is that the scholars use this fabricated story as an excuse and present the merciful Lord as a very harsh Lord. As a result, we fear Him rather than love Him and do not seek His forgiveness directly but through so-called intercessors. Which is a major source of income for the miscreant scholars.

In societies where people avoid hearsay, mutual respect and tolerance develop. Such societies become financially stable. Their morals will be high because backbiting will not exist in their society. As a result, in such societies, justice prevails. Therefore, overcoming this weakness is crucial for the success of this world and the Hereafter, as it encompasses the rights of all creatures, especially humans. Allah_(SWT) has taught us this supplication for guidance. “O Lord, I seek refuge from the evil suggestions of (devils both humans and jinn), and O Lord, I even seek Your refuge lest they approach me (23:97-98).”

v) Man is Allah's best creation due to his intellect and consciousness. Another purpose of the test of Paradise was to make man realize the consequences of not utilizing God's given intellect and consciousness. The Quran calls those who do not act with reason and understanding donkey, cattle, or they are even worse.

vi) This test could have been taken on Earth, it was taken in the Paradise to highlight that its rewards are for those who will succeed in the worldly test by utilizing their God-given

abilities, intelligence, and consciousness. Rest only Allah knows best.

Conclusion: Allah, who loves His creatures seventy times more than their mothers, did not test Adam^(AS) to convict him. Rather, as the Most Merciful Lord, He allowed Adam undergo temptation so that he might understand the consequences of his heinous weakness. And that, he and his descendants would try to overcome it for the success of the Hereafter. Doing this for fun sake is against the attributes of Allah. It is the result of His love for mankind that He sent about one hundred and twenty-four thousand prophets and messengers to guide them. O Allah forgive us, we did not learn our lesson from the Paradise ordeal. Indeed, we are responsible for our own actions, but You are the Most Merciful, grant us the ability to follow the way You have chosen for us. Ameen!

Can't Get Out of the Seven Heavens of the Earth

Again, during my tahajjud prayers, while reciting Surah Ar-Rahman, verses 33-36 startled me and made me ponder more deeply on them. **The verses say:** O company of jinn and men, if you have the power to go beyond the bounds of the seven heavens of the earth, go beyond them! Yet you will be unable to go beyond them for that requires infinite power. Which of your Lord's powers will you twain of men and jinn will then deny? (If you so venture) a flame of fire and smoke shall be lashed at you, which you shall be unable to withstand. Which of your Lord's powers will you twain of men and jinn will then deny ^(55:33-36)? These verses are telling us that both humans and jinn if they try to exit the magnetic field of the earth, they will require a phenomenal force (rocket). If humans and jinn try to venture into outer space, outside the earth canopy they will face tremendous radiation, high speed particles and smoke from which they cannot escape. Leaving aside the drama of moon landing, today the scientists tell us that the earth generates a powerful magnetic field called the Van Allen belt, which protects us from solar

storm and cosmic rays that are equal to 100 billion atomic bombs. We don't have costumes that could protect us from such powerful rays. As there is no air, moisture, or life on the moon, the American flag must remain in its original state. Then where is that flag? Why is it not visible through the telescopes?

Allah Has Again Blessed Muslim Bani Israel Over the People of the World

In Quran verse (2:47), Allah says: O Children of Israel, remember My favor that I bestowed upon you and that I exalted you above all the peoples of the world. Earlier I used to agree with the scholars who said that this verse was for the Muslim Bani Israel of that time. Today when I considered the universal scenario and the Prophetic hadith, I am of the opinion that what the above verse says is true even today for the people of Bani Israel from the Ummah of Muhammad(SAW). The hadith states that the Prophet(SAW) said, A group of my ummah will always remain firm on the truth and will continue their struggle (Jihad) until the Doomsday. When asked who they are, the Prophet said they will be the believers living around Masjid Al-Aqsa. Today, observing the struggle of Hamas and the steadfastness of the Palestinians, we recognize them as the tribe of Bani Israel from the Ummah Muhammad(SAW). Similarly, the Afghans who resisted the British, Russians and Americans in Afghanistan are also from the tribe of Bani Israel from the Ummah Muhammad(SAW). In the entire Muslim World these are the two groups that are fighting against the oppressors. So, in my opinion, what this verse has said is still true for the tribe of Bani Israel from the Ummah of Muhammad(SAW).

Ramadhan And the Tree of Zaqquum Tree of Zaqquum Grows at the Bottom of Hell

The disbelievers used to laugh and say that the Quran says that the tree of Zaqquum grows at the bottom of Hell (i.e., in the fire). The Quran clarified their misconception in the following verses: We have made this tree a trial for the wrong

doers. It is a tree that grows from bottom of Hell. Its spathes are like the heads of devils. The people of Hell will surely eat of it, filling their bellies with it. Then on top of it they will have a brew of boiling water (drinking it as thirsty camels do). **Then their return will be to the same blazing Hell (37:63-68).** These verses indicate that the tree of Zaqqum will grow at the bottom of Hell but not in the fire of Hell. I think they will grow in an area of Hell that will serve as a food court for the Hell-dwellers. The people of hell will chew the fruit of the Zaqqum tree and eat their fill and drink boiling water from it (perhaps like we drink boiling tea). After eating their fill, the people of hell will be returned to Hellfire (torment area).

Further when considering the verses: “**The people of Hell will surely eat of it (will not be forced to eat), filling their bellies with it. Then on top of it they will have a brew of boiling water.**” A scenario comes to mind, the Hell-dwellers will be escorted to the food court to feed. Even if the temperature there is 50 degrees Celsius, it will be an air-conditioned room for them. Those who refuse to eat will have to return to the Blazing Fire. Therefore, to prolong their stay in the air-conditioned area, they would probably keep munching and eating the Zaqqum tree until their bellies are full and can eat no more. They would most probably drink the boiling water like we drink hot tea. Similarly, this area will be a warm room for those who are enduring the torment of extreme cold.

Further the Quran says: **The tree of Zaqqum shall be the food of the sinful. Like dregs of oil, it will boil in their bellies like boiling water (44:43-46).** When contemplating on these verses and comparing them to the effects of overeating during Ramadan, the outcome is identical: i.e., stomach discomfort, bloating, and acidity. The difference being: the inhabitants of Hellfire overeat in order to extend their stay in the dining area, while we overeat disregarding the teachings of the Prophet(SAW), and are in a hurry to enter the Blazing Fire.

Reasons: i) Month of Ramadhan was meant to heal our body both spiritually and physically, but due to overeating we get sick and at the same time lose the spirituality. ii) Especially in Ramadhan we were instructed to take care of the needy and try to ease their hardship. During Ramadhan we were

supposed to skip lunch (i.e., consume less food) to make us spiritually and bodily healthy. By the law of supply and demand the food prices would have come down, which would have been beneficial for the destitutes. Instead, we made it the month of feasting, doubled our intake of food causing price hikes for which we will be held accountable for following reasons: a) Due to overeating and food wasted during Ramadan, prices of food items skyrocket, causing hardship to the destitute and the needy. b) Proper fasting (eating less then fill) cures internal diseases and makes you healthy, whereas overeating makes you sick. During Ramadhan most of us get sick and spend the precious money that was supposed to be spent on the needy, is spent on paying doctor's fees. c) In Ramadan we were supposed to take care of the needy, we created difficulties for them. From this we can conclude that the people of hell eat more to spend more time outside the fire, while we eat more in our haste to enter it. Inalillah!

Allah the Almighty

1. Allah's Attributes

Blessed is Allah in Whose Hand is the dominion of the Universe, and Who has power over everything; He is One and Unique, there is no god but He; He needs no one while all need Him; He neither begets any nor was He begotten, and none is comparable to Him. He has neither taken to Himself a son, nor has He any partner in His kingdom, nor does He need anyone, out of weakness, to protect Him. Pure is He that He should have a son (a weakness). All Praises are for Him, the Lord of the entire universe. He is the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate (Ar-Rahman). That is, He is merciful to everyone in this world, while the attribute of Ar-Raheem describes the additional mercy of Allah which He has reserved for the believers on the Day of Recompense. He is the Almighty and the Creator of everything. He alone governs all affairs of the universe. He is witness over everything, not even an atom's weight or smaller or bigger escapes Him on the earth and the heavens, except that it is

pre-record in a Clear Book. He made the night devoid of light and made the day radiant for man to reflect. He is fully aware of all the creatures of the heavens and the earth and all the sins of His servants. He is Most Forbearing and Exceedingly Forgiving. Call Him by any name Allah or Rahman it matters not, for all excellent names belong to Him.

Allah is the Eternal, Ever-Living, Self-Sustaining Being, Who maintains the entire order of the universe. There is no god but Him. He neither slumbers, nor sleeps. Whatsoever is in the heavens and in the earth is His. Who is there that can intercede with Him except by His permission. He knows what is before the people and what is hidden from them. And they cannot comprehend anything of His knowledge save whatever He Himself pleases to reveal. His Kingdom spreads over the heavens and the earth and guarding them does not weary Him. He alone is the Supreme and the Exalted. He is the witness of everything. He is sufficient as a judge and overseer of all affairs.

Allah is the light of the heavens and the earth: His light in the universe may be likened to the light of a lamp in a niche: the lamp is in a glass shade: the glass shade is like a glittering star and lamp is lit with the olive oil of a blessed tree which is neither eastern nor western: its oil is that it shine forth by itself though no fire touched it (defining being eternal), light upon light; Allah guides to His light whomever He wills. [He cites parables to make the Message clear to the people; He has perfect knowledge of everything.](#)

He owns the keys to the realm of the unseen. His knowledge encompasses everything. He knows what is on land and in the sea. He even knows which side each falling leaf will land, and He knows about every grain lying in the open or in the darkness of the earth, whether green or dry, whether it is day or night. He knows what one conceals and what one reveals, and nothing in the earth or in the heaven is hidden from Him. He even knows the secrets of our hearts and has power over all things. Similarly, whether anyone talks secretly or loudly, whether one hides in the darkness, or struts about in broad daylight it's all the same to Him. We cannot hide our deeds

from Him. There is no protector or helper beside Him. He suffices as the Protector and Helper. He is the All-Knowing, All-Hearing, All-Wise, and All-Merciful.

All the best names (attributes) belong to Him. He created the earth and the seven heavens and whatever is in them, both hidden and open. His Throne encompasses the entire universe. All matters are brought to him for decisions. He does not err, nor does He forget. His knowledge encompasses everything. He owns all the treasures of the universe and has sent down everything in appropriate measure on earth. He does whatever He pleases. He is Immensely Strong, Overwhelming Mighty, All-Watchful, Most Forbearing, All-Forgiving, All-Hearing, All-Seeing, Most High, Best of Providers and All-Great. The end of all matters' rests with Him. Allah is Omnipotent, when He wills something, He only says, "Be", and it is. **These are signs for those who ponder.**

Allah created the Paradise and the Hell. And He initiated the creation of the cosmos with the Big Bang and created everything in the universe in six days from the smoke created by the Bang. He created the seven heavens and the earth with the Truth. He raised up the seven heavens without support and in the first heaven placed a lamp (the sun) and a shining moon subservient to a law. He caused for us the phases of the moon and the sun to determine time, days, months, and years, and the stars a mean of finding the way in the darkness. According to Allah, the number of months since creation is twelve. The creation of the Earth and the Heavens and everything in them is based on truth, you will see no incongruity in the Merciful's creation, and Judgment Day is sure to come.

He sent down water in set amount from the outer space. He spread out the earth and staked the mountains in it to stabilize it, from which springs and rivers flow and made everything grow in measure. He created the water cycle whereby He drives the clouds, then He composes them, then He piles them up, whereat you see that raindrops fall from amidst the rain-soaked clouds, so that there is plenty of water for

drinking and cultivation. And through it he produces all kinds of plants and greenery and trees, fodder for livestock, and facilitates the cultivation of crops such as olives, dates, vines, and various fruits. It is He Who causes the grain and the fruit-kernel to sprout and subjected the sea for providing fresh meat. And through this He provides for all creatures. He grants provision to some abundantly and others in strict measure. He subjected the rivers, the sun, and the moon to constantly move on their course. He subjected the night and the day. Then He established Himself on the Great Throne and is running all the affairs of the universe. He knows whatever goes into the earth and whatever comes out of it; and whatever descends from the sky and whatever ascends into it. **Allah has created all this for a purpose.**

He spread out the land with mountains, made paths in it. He sent rain from the sky, created various kinds of vegetation, and pastures for cattle. He created cattle, horses, donkeys and mules for food, clothing, and toiling. Among the creatures created, are some that crawl upon their bellies, and among them are some that walk on two feet, and among them are some that walk on four. Allah creates whatever He wills. He assigned angels as messengers, with wings in twos, threes, and fours. He created everything with perfection. He adds to His creation as He wills. Allah has power over everything. **In it are signs for those who meditate.**

He created man from clay and Jinn from fire. He is the inheritor of all. He has full knowledge of those who lived before, and their successors, and will gather them all on Resurrection Day. Although Allah is Most Forgiving and Most Merciful, His punishment is also very severe. He created all humanity from one being. He created Adam^(AS) out of clay, then He duly proportioned him and breathed His spirit into him; and out of him (his ribs) created its mate (Ève); and then created his offspring from semen of despised water (insignificant sperm-drop), and gave man a sense of deduction, and from them spread many men and women. Man created from dust, is destined to return to dust, and will ultimately be resurrected from dust. Allah never creates anything without a purpose. He shaped us in our mothers'

wombs as He saw fit. He created man in a state of weakness; then after weakness He gave him strength, then after strength He made him weak and old. He creates what He pleases. He knows what one will earn tomorrow, and in which land he will die. Yet man disputes about the creator and is seldom grateful. He has taken upon Himself to show the Right Way. If He willed, He could have guided all aright.

He created death and life that He may test you as to which of you is better in deeds, He is the Most Mighty, the Most Forgiving. He decreed for each a term of life and a final resting place. He knows what every female bears. He made all that is on the earth an embellishment to test people. He responds to all prayers, whether spoken aloud, whispered, or thought in the hearts. He provides sustenance to His creatures, while He Himself is Self-Sufficient and is Self-Subsisting. If He willed, He could bring a new creation instead of humans. One cannot count or encompass the favors that Allah has bestowed. Whatever door of mercy Allah opens for people, no one can close it, and the door that He closes, no one has the power to open it after Him. He is omniscient, selfless, admirable in His Own Right and Most Forgiving. He made man vicegerents on the earth and subjected the universe for humans. **It has signs for those who use their intellect.** Yet man is highly unjust, exceedingly ungrateful. On Judgment Day he will turn the earth into a barren plain. He forgives those who believe, repent, do righteous deeds, and follow the straight way. **He is Omnipotent. He does not wrong anyone. Everything in the heavens and the earth prostrates and praises His awe.**

Without exceptions, everyone will return to Him. He accepts the repentance of His slaves, and He is the Most Merciful. In the Hereafter, everyone will be accountable to Him. It is due to His Mercy that He does not chastise us for disobedience instantly. It is Him to Whom everyone calls out in times of great distress (being embedded in our gene and sub-consciousness). If He willed, everyone would be a believer. He has the authority to pardon or punish whomever he wills. **These are signs for those who reflect. Likewise, there are signs for mankind in the alternation of night and day, and in**

the creation of the heavens and the earth. If Allah afflicts someone with calamity, none can remove it except Him. He has supreme hold over His creation. No vision can perceive Him, while He perceives everything. It is Him to Whom alone all supplications should be addressed.

He chooses Messengers from angels and humans to convey His command. He chooses for His task whomsoever He wills. It is not for people to make the choice. He is the blessed One, Who has sent down Al-Furqan (Criterion, the Quran) on His servant so that it may be a warner to all mankind. It confirms the previous books, the Torah, the Gospel, and the Psalms. He sent down Revelations that make the reality quite plain. He created everything and ordained its destiny. None should be feared except Him. He is the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting and the Omnipotent. He created all the creatures from water. No one can intercede in front of Him except by His leave. On the Day of Resurrection, He will resurrect all humans, regarding which there is no doubt. Just like He brings out the living from the dead and the dead from the living (plants). Likewise, He will resurrect man after death. The creation and resurrection of man is as simple for Him as creation of a single soul. He alone will judge between His servants concerning that in which they differ and will hold all mankind and jinn accountable for their deeds. He will reward the believers who have done good deeds and punish the disbelievers. He never goes against His promise. To Him belong the keys of the treasures of the heavens and the earth. Only Allah has the knowledge of the Hour. There is certainly a lesson in that for those with understanding.

He bestows life and gives death. He brought forth descendants from the backs of the sons of Adam and took a covenant from them (in the heavens) to affirm that He is their Lord, and everyone testified to it. So that on the Day of Recompense, they may not be able to claim ignorance, or justify their worshiping of other gods, saying they followed their ancestors and were unaware of it. They will all face the torment of Hell (no excuses will be entertained on Judgment Day; everyone will be responsible for his own deeds).

When we consider Allah's major attribute which is that He is All-Just in conjunction with the following verse that says **that man shall have nothing but what he has striven for, and that (the result of) his striving shall soon be seen, and that he shall then be fully recompensed (53:39-41).** And further consider the hadith Qudsi mentioned below, in which Allah says: **1) O My servants, I have forbidden oppression for Myself and made it forbidden among you, so do not oppress one another. 2) All of you are astray except for those I have guided, so seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you. 3) O My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food of Me and I shall feed you. 4) O My servants, you are all naked except for those whom I have clothed, so seek clothing of Me and I shall clothe you. 5) O My servants, you sin by night and by day, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness of Me and I shall forgive you. 6) O my servants, you will not attain harming Me as to harm Me and will not attain benefitting Me as to benefit Me. 7) O My servants, were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you, and the jinn of you become as pious as the most pious heart of you, that would not increase My Kingdom by an iota. 8) O My servants were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you, and the jinn of you to be as wicked as the most wicked heart of you, that would not decrease My Kingdom by an iota. 9) O My servants were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you, and the jinn of you were to rise in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that would not decrease what I have, anymore that a needle decreases the sea if put into it. 10) O My servants, it is your deeds that 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 no one, but himself (Muslim, Tirmizi and Majah).** And finally considering the Quranic verses that says: a) **Allah does not wish to subject His servants to any injustice (40:31).** b) "Say, Should I seek a lord other than Allah, the Lord of all? c) Each person is responsible for his own actions, and no one else will bear his burden. d) To your Lord is your return, and He will inform you of matters you dispute in." e) Our cherished freedom of choice was granted by the

Omnipotent Lord. Thus, it is concluded that the verses of the Quran in Arabic where "Yisha" and "Tasha" is mentioned simply means that whoever strives for honor, Allah gives him honor and whoever stives in way of humiliation, Allah humiliates him. Whoever strives for guidance, Allah guides him. Whoever seeks misguidance, Allah lets him go astray (i.e., one reaps what one sows). The above-mentioned Hadith Qudsi says that call on Allah even for small matters. He is with you wherever you are. Allah sees all that you do.

Allah says: We created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six days, and weariness did not even touch Us. Did We, then, become worn out by the first creation? Not at all, but they are in doubt about a fresh creation. Surely, We have created man, and We know the promptings of his heart, and We are nearer to him than even his jugular vein. Moreover, there are two scribes, one each sitting on the right and the left, recording everything. He utters not a word, but there is a vigilant watcher at hand (50:38,15-19).

Allah is All-Forgiving and Merciful: Allah is the best friend of man, He is quick to please, He never reminds us of what we used to do, and He never turns anyone away from His door disappointed. To illustrate this, the Quran tells the story of a monotheistic Christian tribe in Surah Buruj, that lived in Yemen. At that time the ruler of Yemen was a polytheist. He tried to force the believing Christian tribe to change their religion. When they refused to convert, the king ordered trenches to be dug. When the trenches were ready, he lit a fire in the trenches with logs, and ordered that the children, the old, the young, men and women of the tribe be thrown into the fire. They were all burnt to ashes. It was the height of cruelty not only against humanity, but above all against the beloved servants of Allah. If it was anyone else, he would have killed them all and destroyed everything associated with them. But our Merciful Lord said in the Quran, those who have committed this heinous crime, if they do not repent, then they will suffer the torment of burning and the torment of Hell. Allah_(SWT) kept the door of His mercy open even for

those who burned alive the believers. This is Allah^(SWT), my Lord and your Lord.

Our scholars warn us that if we misread such and such a word, we will become disbelievers, whereas Allah says in the Quran that actions depend on intentions. It is mentioned in a hadith that the Prophet^(SAW) laughingly said to the companions that a man was traveling in the desert with his camel loaded with his belongings. He stopped for rest and fell asleep. When he woke up, he saw that his camel was missing. He started looking for the camel but in vain. He knew that he had no food, no water, and could not cross the desert on foot. Finally, exhausted and dis-heartened, he prepared himself to die of thirst. He lay down and fell asleep. When he awoke, he saw his camel standing in front of him loaded with his goods. He was so happy that the words came out of his tongue with joy: "O Allah, you are my servant, and I am your master." Allah did not hold it against him. When a sinner repents and turns to his Lord, Allah is more pleased with him than he was with Allah (Muslim 7060).

A person would stay drunk all night, when the worshipers went to the mosque for Fajr, he would swear at them. Then one night changed his life. The next day he was seen in the mosque at dawn, people thought he had lost his way. At night he was again in the mosque, the imam of the mosque went to him and asked him to tell his story. The man said that one night when people were going to the mosque, I heard the call to prayer carefully, which was saying, Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest. The sound of the call to prayer touched my heart, I felt ashamed and regretful for the condition I was in. I ran and locked myself in my room, fell prostrate with humility and modesty before the Creator of the universe, I raised my hands towards the sky and said, "O my Lord, between me and You there is a barrier, I can't break it, but I know you can." He said that as soon as I said this, the barrier was broken, and felt the mercy of Allah^(SWT) in my heart and I was in the mosque at the time of Fajr. Glory be to Allah!

A scholar went on Hajj with a young man. After putting on Ihram, the scholar recited Talbiya Labeek Allahum Labeek

(O Allah, I have come to your service. O Allah, I have come to your service). A voice was heard from the sky, which was saying that your presence is not accepted. And there is no need for your service. The young man asked the scholar, did he hear what he heard. The scholar replied that he has been hearing this voice for the last forty years. The young man said that why are you putting yourself to work? The scholar started crying and said where should he go, there is no door for him except the door of Allah(SWT). As soon as the scholar said this, a voice came from heaven that your presence is also accepted, your service is also accepted (Tafseer Rooh Al Bayan, Volume 10). Our beloved freedom of choice was given by Allah the Almighty. The Quran says: "Say: Shall I seek a Lord other than Allah, the Lord of all? Hopefully Allah's mercy would be clear and motivate us to love our Merciful Lord."

Summary: Highly blessed is Allah, the Lord of the Universe. Turn to Him alone, dedicating your faith sincerely to Him. He created you from dust, then from a sperm, then from a clot of blood, then brings you into the world as an infant, then He makes you grow to attain full strength, then leads you to reach abject age, though some are recalled earlier. This is so that you may reach an appointed time. He grants life and decrees death. Therefore, those awaiting meeting their Lord must do good deeds and shun associating others with Him. Praise Him in a manner worthy of His Praise. Allah states: If all the trees became pens and the seven oceans became ink replenished by seven more oceans, the oceans will be depleted but the words of Allah will not exhaust. He is the One and Only Lord.

O Muslims! Our Merciful Lord loves His creatures seventy folds more than their mothers. If you have even the slightest desire to seek the truth, he will make it a means for you to reach the straight path. Allah Almighty knew that among the people he was about to destroy, there was a person who would eventually accept his obedience. He sacrificed three prophets for his sake (Chapter 36). In chapter 18, Kizer(AS) killed a boy. On Moses(AS)'s objection he told him that his parents were people of faith, and we feared lest he should plague them with transgression and disbelief, and we desired that

their Lord should grant them another in his place, a son more upright and more tender hearted. Noah^(AS) preached for 950 years until the last person, known to Allah will accept faith from their lineage did so. He then instructed Adam to prepare an ark as per His instructions. O Allah, we have never truly understood your love; please forgive us.

Oh Allah, I ask You for steadfastness in the religious matter, and I ask You for the determination in righteousness, and I ask You for gratitude for Your blessings, and for Your good worship, and I ask You for a sincere tongue, I seek refuge in You from the evil of what You know, and I ask You of the good of what You know, and I seek Your forgiveness for what You know. Indeed, You are the Knower of the unseen. O Lord! Do not let our hearts swerve towards crookedness after You have guided us to the right way and bestow upon us Your mercy. Surely You, only You, are the Munificent Giver! O Allah, we have not fully acknowledged Your Love for us. Please forgive us and guide us so that we love You with the depths of our hearts, and please You with our utmost efforts. Ameen!

2. The Omnipotence of Allah

Allah's omnipotence signifies that He can accomplish whatever He wishes, exercising absolute authority over all creation. He requires no permission or assistance to enforce His will, and His decisions are beyond influence or reversal. He is unanswerable for His actions, has no partner, and is the one and only. This worldly life tests our belief in the unseen, particularly faith in Allah. The Quran highlights His attributes and authority, which are essential for understanding our Creator. Recognizing His attributes enables us to obey, thank and revere Him, much like following the rules set by governments and institutions. Thus, understanding Allah's attributes is crucial for cultivating piety. The Quran describes over ninety-nine attributes of Allah. I will focus on a few verses that highlight a few of these attributes, especially one that emphasizes that Allah is the Most Just.

The Quran tells us: **Indeed, Allah wrongs none, not even as much as an atom's weight.** Whenever a man does good, He

multiplies it multiple folds, and bestows out of His grace a mighty reward (and on sin equal to it) (4:40). And of His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the living creatures that He has spread out in them. He has the power to bring them together when He so wills. **Whatever misfortune befalls you is a consequence of your own deeds. But much of it He forgives.** You cannot frustrate Him in the earth; you have no protector nor helper against Allah (42:29-31). He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth: when He decrees a thing, He merely says, "Be," and there it is (2:117). Say: 'O Allah, Lord of all dominions! You give dominion to whom You will, and take away dominion from whom You will, and You exalt whom You will, and abase whom You will. In Your Hand is all good. Surely You are All-Powerful (3:26). Had Allah so willed, He would have made you all one single community. However, He lets go astray whomsoever He wills and shows the Right Way to whomsoever He wills. **Surely you shall be called to account regarding what you did** (16:93). Allah grants the provision to whomsoever He wills abundantly and grants others in strict measure. **They exult in the life of the world, although compared with the Hereafter, the life of the world is no more than temporary enjoyment** (13:26). But none attains to this except those who are steadfast; none attains to this except those endowed with mighty good fortune. **And if you are prompted by a provocation from Satan, seek refuge with Allah. He, and He alone, is All-Hearing, All- Knowing.** And of His Signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. **Do not prostrate yourselves before the sun, nor before the moon, but prostrate yourselves before Allah Who created them, if it is Him that you serve** (41:35-37). He brings forth the living from the dead, and dead from the living (3:27). If Allah helps you none shall prevail over you, if He forsakes you then who can help you (3:160)? And do they not know that Allah provides abundantly for whom He wills and sparingly for whom He wills? He knows all the fruits that come out of its sheath and knows which woman has conceived and which has given birth to a child. Such is Allah's powers that the entire earth on the Day of Resurrection shall be in His grasp and the heavens shall be

rolled up in His right hand. Glorified is He and Exalted above what they associate with Him. Allah never fails in His promise. I hope that Allah's omnipotence is now clear.

3. Never associate evil with Allah

Most Muslims in their ignorance think that Allah is the creator of evil. Their assumption is based on a superficial understanding that since Allah created everything, He must have also created evil, which is an incorrect assumption. The Arabic word Subhan Allah means Allah is pure of all faults and evil. Then how can we say He is the creator of evil? Similarly, the Quran emphasizes to attribute all good to Allah, while attributing all evil to humanity (free-will). These sentences are enough to negate associating creation of evil with Allah. Good and bad are not entities, but are relative concepts shaped by religious, social, and cultural contexts. Actions deemed good or bad depend on the perspective of their purpose, as well as religious and regional traditions. Freedom of choice is directly linked to authority. As Allah's vicegerent on earth, man must follow His commandments, disobedience is evil. Freedom of choice makes some people develop self-confidence, tolerance, and compassion, but unfortunately, in most people, it leads to arrogance, selfishness, jealousy, spitefulness, and hostility. When we consider the story of Satan narrated by our elders, we will realize that Allah Almighty did not create Satan as an evil entity. He was a pious jinni who was close to Allah. However, upon witnessing Adam's creation and honour, he became consumed by envy and hatred, leading to negative traits in his character. **Satan's evil arose from his wrong choice; so, he can be called its creator, and that evil should be attributed to him. Similarly, all evil of the creatures who have authority and freedom of choice, should be attributed to them, not to Allah, the Most Merciful.** That is why the Quran says: Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of rising day from the evil of **all that He created** (113:1-2). That is why Allah Almighty says in the Quran that if there were other deities with authority in the universe, due to envy, malice, and enmity the universal balance would have been destroyed. Similarly, Allah asks in

the Holy Quran whether a slave who has one master is better or a slave who has multiple masters, each pushing him around (Alhamdulillah, Allah is the only Lord of the Worlds). Evil can be divided into two types. The first category consists of humans and jinn, who have authority and freedom of choice. Therefore, we cannot attribute evil to Allah, because the humans and jinn chose evil by going against the commandments of Allah. The perception of good and evil relates to the intention behind the actions. For example, killing someone for no reason is considered evil, while the state executing a murderer is considered good. Here the good and badness of killing depends on the motives of the killing. When a person harms another person for no reason, it is evil and if he does it for a righteous reason, it is not an evil act. Here too the good and evil of the harm depends on the motive. Similarly, if one helps the needy, it is considered good, while helping criminals is bad. Again, whether helping is good or bad also depends on its motives. This is why the Quran emphasizes the importance of performing good deeds. **One might ask: What then is evil? From Islamic perspective, turning away from Allah's commandments is evil, and following them is good.** Further explanation of this has been given in the third title "Why Allah did not create everyone equal".

The second group of evil includes all the creatures that act solely on instinct and lack freedom of choice, hence are not accountable in the Hereafter. For instance, a snake's poison is harmful to other beings but beneficial to the snake itself. A tiger's teeth and claws may be seen as evil for other creatures yet serve as advantages for the tiger. Similarly, a bull's horns can pose a threat to others but serve as its defence. This is why we are **advised to seek refuge in Allah from the evil of His creations (not evil creation).** Quran says: **Whatever good comes to you is from Allah; and whatever misfortune smites you is because of your own actions** (includes our actions, someone else's action, or the systems' actions) (4:79). In another verse it says: **Whatever misfortune befalls you is a consequence of your own deeds. But much of it He forgives** (42:30). Just like there are both pious and evil jinn, similarly, in

humans we have e.g., Prophets and Pharoah (biggest sign of evil). The purpose of this life for creatures given authority and freewill is to foster positive thoughts to implement them in their lives and suppress the negative ones and abstain from them, because they destroy the society.

A question arises: Why Allah wants to test us? The answer is clear: Allah mentions in the Quran that He offered the trust to the heavens, the earth, and the mountains, but they refused to bear it, but the wrongdoing and ignorant man accepted this burden. The next verse says: Thus, consequence of man's carrying the trust is that Allah may chastise hypocritical men and hypocritical women and accept the repentance of believing men and believing women. As Man in his arrogance chose the burden of becoming Allah's vicegerent on earth with authority and freewill, which automatically concludes that he will be responsible for his decisions and the consequences of the actions he takes (in the light of Quranic injunctions). Here I would like to add, it is Allah's mercy that some people will enter Paradise because of His Mercy. In the following hadith Allah has told us through His Prophet Muhammad_(SAW) that the Paradise has been covered with unpleasant and painful things, and the Hell is covered by lust and desires. Ultimately, we will be rewarded or punished based on our actions (deeds). Concerning what would be the recompense in the Hereafter, the Prophet_(SAW) explained it in a hadith Qudsi: When Allah_(SWT) completed the creation of the Paradise and the Hell, He told Gabriel_(AS) to visit the Paradise and see what He has created for its people. The Gabriel_(AS) visited the Paradise, came back and said, "I swear by Your Honor, whoever hears about it, will surely enter it." Then with Allah's commanded the Paradise was covered with unpleasant and painful things. Gabriel_(AS) was told to revisit it. He revisited the Paradise and saw that it was covered with unpleasant and painful things, he returned and submitted, "I am afraid, now no one will enter it". Then Allah told him to visit the Hell and see what He has prepared for its people. He saw that it was in layers, each part overlapping the other. He came back and said: "I swear by Your Honor! Anyone who hears about it will not enter it."

Then with Allah's command, the Hell was covered by lust and desires. Allah_(SWT) told Gabriel to revisit it. He went back to see the Hell again, came back and said: "I swear by Your Honor! I am afraid no one will be able to escape it but fall in it" (Tirmzi & Nissai). **The essence of this worldly life is to resist earthly desires, endure suffering with patience, and trust in Allah for the reward of the Hereafter.**

Quran the Book of Guidance

1. The Quran: This Book, beyond all doubt, was revealed by the Lord of the Universe. It is a clear and concise Book of Guidance from the Most Merciful, a Book whose verses have been well-expounded in Arabic, for those who reflect. It bears good news and warnings, yet most people turn away and pay no heed to it. Do the people say that Muhammad himself has forged it? Nay, it is the truth from his Lord, so that he may warn a people to whom no warner has come before him, so that they may be guided.

The Quran says: This is a straight-talking book that warns people of the severe punishment of Allah and gives glad tidings to those who believe and do good deeds. Verily, We have revealed the Quran and We are its guardians. It is a clear and concise book from the Most Gracious, a book whose verses are well explained. An Arabic Quran, for those who meditate. Yet most people turn away and pay no heed to it. Its verses have been explained in detail by Allah, the Wise and the All-Knowing, so that you worship none but Allah. He perfected the religion and His mercy for man and accepted Islam (obedience to one God) as the religion. It clearly states its theme of guiding humanity from darkness to light. It also serves as a reminder, exhortation and warning to acknowledge the one true God, Allah. The Quran emphasizes that if there were more than one God, the whole system would have collapsed. In the Quran, Allah has explained the truth in different ways, so that the readers can understand it, but still the rejection of many is intense.

Allah the Exalted has sent down the best speech, a book in which all parts are in the same style and whose themes are repeated. Those who fear their Lord are filled with awe when they hear it, and then their bodies and their hearts become soft and turn to the remembrance of Allah. It is the guidance of Allah by which He guides whomever He wills. And whoever Allah does not guide, there is no one to guide him. We have mentioned all kinds of examples in this Quran for the people so that they may get advice.

The Quran was revealed by the Creator of the Universe. This is an admonition for those who fear God. These are the verses of the bright book. The devils did not come down with this book, nor is it in their power. The Quran, revealed in Ramadan, Lailatul-Qadr, is a perfect guidance for mankind, containing clear teachings on the distinction between right and wrong, providing valuable lessons for contemplation. That is why the Quran says that the importance of Lailatul-Qadr is better than a thousand months. Verily, We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran, without any distortion in it, so that you (Arabs) may understand it and avoid the evil end. If we had revealed it as a non-Arabic Quran, they would have said: "Why are its verses not clearly explained? How strange, a non-Arabic scripture and an Arab audience! **That is why all the books of Allah are written by the Prophets.**" It was revealed in the mother tongues of the nations, so that they would understand the message and receive advice.

The Quran is guidance and healing for the believers. But for those who do not believe, it is a dart in their ears and a veil over their eyes. As if they are being called from somewhere far away. We have mentioned in it warnings in various ways so that they may avoid evil or take admonition. In Surah Yasin, Allah Almighty says: "This Quran has been revealed by All-Powerful and Most Merciful, so that he_(SAW) may warn a nation whose forefathers were not warned before, so they are heedless." By revealing the Quran to you, We narrate to you the stories of the past in the best way, although before that you were completely ignorant of them.

Quran states: Quran expounds guidance and is a mercy to those who believe. Since no messenger will come after Muhammad_(SAW), Quran is a guide for all mankind till the Day of Resurrection. Allah revealed the Book devoid of all crookedness; an accurately Straight Book, meant to warn the disbelievers of stern punishment from Allah, and tell those who believe and do righteous deeds, the tiding that theirs shall be a good reward wherein they shall abide forever. Indeed, it is We Who have revealed the Quran and it is indeed We Who are its guardians. The Quran was sent with the truth so that Muhammad_(SAW) may give glad tiding to the Believers and warn the disbelievers. **It was revealed gradually so that it could be recited to the people according to the occasion.**

It is guidance for the righteous. Its verses have been narrated firmly and in detail, by the All-Wise, the All-Aware, so that you may worship none but Allah (the God) alone. He completed the religion and His mercy for man and accepted Islam (submission to one God) as His religion. It clearly articulates its subject to guide humanity from darkness to light. It also serves as a reminder, advice, and warning to acknowledge the One True God, Allah. The Quran emphasizes that if there were multiple gods, the whole system would have collapsed. In the Quran Allah expounded the truth in diverse ways, so that the reader may understand it, but still, the rejection of most of them is intense (the message requires reading with understanding).

Allah has sent down the best of discourses, a Book all whose parts are uniform in style and whose themes have been repeated. Those who fear their Lord are filled with awe when they hear it, and then their bodies and their hearts soften and turn to the remembrance of Allah. This is Allah's guidance, whereby He guides to the Right Way whomever He wills; and the one whom Allah does not guide has no guide whatever. We have cited for the people in this Quran every kind of parable, so that they may take heed (when read with understanding, will one get admonished).

Quran is the revelation from the creator of the universe. **It is certainly a Mighty Book; falsehood may not enter it from the front or from the rear** (i.e., it is preserved and cannot be changed). **It is an admonition for those who fear the Lord.** These are the verses of the Clear Book. The devils did not descend with this book, nor does it behove them, nor does it lie in their power. They are debarred from even hearing it.

The Quran, revealed on the night of Laylat-al-Qadr in Ramadan, is a perfect guidance for mankind, containing clear teachings that distinguish between truth and falsehood, providing valuable lessons for reflection. That is why the Quran says that the significance of Laylat-al-Qadr is better than the worship of a thousand months. Verily, We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran without any crookedness in it, in order that you (Arabs) may understand it and avoid the evil end. Had We revealed this as a non-Arabic Quran they would have said: "Why were its verses not clearly expounded? How strange, a non-Arabic scripture and an Arab audience!" **That is why, all the Books of Allah were revealed in the mother tongues of the of the Prophets nations, so that people would understand the message and take heed.**

The Quran is a guidance and a healing to the believers. But to those who do not believe, it serves as a plug in their ears and a covering over their eyes. It is as if they are being called from a place far away. We have expounded in it warning in diverse ways so that they may avoid evil or become heedful. Allah in surah Yaseen says: "This Quran is a revelation from the Most Mighty, the Most Compassionate so that you (Muhammad_(SAW)) may warn a people whose ancestors were not warned before wherefore they are heedless." By revealing the Quran to you We narrate to you in the best manner the stories of the past although before this you were utterly unaware of them.

We have made the Quran easy to derive lessons from. Is there, then, any who will take heed? Allah asks: Do they not ponder in the Quran? Had it been from any other than Allah, they would surely have found in it much inconsistency. Then why do they not reflect on the Quran? Or are there locks on

their hearts? Finally says: Soon shall We show them Our Signs on the horizons and in their own beings until it becomes clear to them that it is the Truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is a witness over everything?

In the Quran there is no crookedness and shows the straight path. It gives glad tidings to the believers and warns those who persist in disbelief and those who out of ignorance associate son to Him. The Quran explains matters in diverse ways and parables. Nevertheless, when the guidance came to them, instead of seeking forgiveness, they sought the same treatment as the previous nations and demanded immediate punishment. The disbeliever resort to falsehood to deny the truth and mocked the revelations and warnings of Allah. **Those who deliberately neglect the message of the Quran will never find the right way.** Allah does not punish them immediately for their misdoings, He has set a term for them, on expiry of which those settlements are destroyed.

The Quran employed different ways to make the people understand the Message, but the majority persisted in unbelief, and said, they will not believe in what Mohammed^(SAW) says, until he causes a spring to gush forth, or gets garden of date-palms and vines created with canals flowing in it; or cause the sky to fall on them; or brings Allah and the angels face to face before them, or a house of gold comes into being for him, or he ascends the sky and bring down a writing that they may read.

If pondered in the Quran, it provides solutions to all human problems; thus, Allah describes its verses as brimming with wisdom. The Quran was revealed to Muhammad^(SAW), to warn the heedless, and to give glad tidings to the believers. The Quran, with its scientific, moral, linguistic, and numerical miracles, undeniably affirms its divine origin. Those who fail to grasp its message and implications irrationally dismissed it, and say that it was composed by Muhammad^(SAW). In response Allah says: If this Book was written by Muhammad, then bring one Surah like it (the shortest surah contains only three short verses) and **call upon all the deities, humans, and jinn besides Allah for your help. Then if you and your deities**

are unable to produce it, then believe that this Book has been revealed by Allah, and that there is no true god but Him.

O Muslims, Allah in the Quran says: And surely, We have explained matters to people in the Quran in diverse ways, using all manner of parables. But man is exceedingly contentious. What is it that prevented mankind from believing when the guidance came to them, and from asking forgiveness of their Lord, except that they would like to be treated as the nations of yore, or that they would like to see the scourge come upon them face to face? We raise Messengers only to give good news and to warn. But the unbelievers, resort to falsehood to rebut the truth with it, and scoff at My revelations and My warnings. Who is more wicked than the man who, when he is reminded by the revelations of his Lord, turns away from them and forgets (the consequence of) the deeds wrought by his own hands (18:54-57)? Believers, become Allah's helpers in following and spreading the message of the Quran to the rest of the world.

2. Scientifical Facts in The Quran

In the first four verses of Surah Mulk of the Quran, our Creator Allah says: “Full of blessing is He in Whose hand is the kingdom of the universe, and He has power over all things; Who created death and life, that He may try you to see which of you is best in deeds, and He is All-Mighty as well as All-forgiving; Who created seven heavens one above the other. You will not see any fault in the creation of the Merciful. Turn your eyes up; do you see any flaw anywhere? Look up again and yet again. Your look will return to you disappointed, wearied out” (67:1-4). Further Allah(SWT) says that “Soon shall We show them Our signs in the World around them, as well as in themselves, till it becomes clear to them that it is the truth” (41:53). Show who? Those who are conscious of Allah(SWT) while standing or sitting or lying on their sides and give thought to the creation of the heavens and the earth, (they cry out spontaneously) O our Lord, You did not create this in vain (3:191). This is a challenge from Allah(SWT) to show fault in His creation. **Some of the Scientifical Facts mentioned in the Quran are as follows:**

1) Creation of man: We created man from an essence of clay, then We made him into a drop of life-germ, then We placed it in a safe depository, then We made this drop into a clot (like leech), then We made the clot into a (fetus) lump, then We made the lump into bones, then We clothed the bones with flesh, and then We caused it to grow into another creation. Thus, Most Blessed is Allah, the Best of all those that create. Thereafter you are destined to die, then surely you will be raised on the Day of Resurrection (23-12-16). Today modern embryology confirms what Quran says are the exact steps of creation of human baby. **Could it be a fluke?**

2) Sent water in right measure from outer space: We sent down water from the outer space in **right measure**, and placed it to stay in the earth, and We have the power to cause it to vanish (23:18). Scientists now assert that Earth originally had no water, and it arrived on the planet from outer space via meteoroids. **After the right measure landed on the earth it stopped. Ponder? Why is there no water on Moon and other planets around us? Because Allah designed it as such.** The Qurans says: He is the Originator of the heavens and the earth. And He has created everything, and He has full knowledge of all things (6:101). Google AI says: If the percentage of land on Earth were to increase, it would lead to a drier atmosphere and more arid regions and deserts, with a potential increase in wilderness areas. Additionally, the composition of this new land area could include denser materials, affecting Earth's overall gravitational pull and environmental dynamics. If the percentage of land on Earth were less, more areas would be submerged under water. This would reduce the availability of dry land for habitation, agriculture, and other human activities. Increased water levels could lead to greater challenges related to flooding in coastal regions. **Could it be a fluke?**

3) Big Bang: Did not the unbelievers realize that the heavens and the earth were a single entity, then We tore them apart (21:30). In the late twentieth century, scientists discovered that the universe is expanding, which led to the development of the Big Bang theory. According to them, this universe came into being from nothingness with a Big Bang. Before Big

Bang, the planets, the stars, the heavens, and the earth did not exist. It all came into existence from nothingness about 13.8 billion years ago and that the universe is continuously expanding. The Quran fourteen hundred years prior to the modern discovery fore told that the universe came into being by a blast and it is expanding. **This theory postulates that the entire universe originated from an extremely dense and hot singularity via a Big Bang and continues to expand.** After the Big Bang theory was proposed, scientists believed that remnants of the explosion, such as radiation or energy, must be present throughout the universe. In 1964, researchers determined that this cosmic radiation has a temperature of about 3 Kelvin, spreading out uniformly in all directions. Following the discoveries of Edwin Hubble, modern physics has concluded that the universe has a beginning, that is it came into being from nothingness with a big bang. They also believe that whatever has a beginning must also have an end. **Ponder: Who initiated the Big Bang. Could it be a fluke?**

4) Universe was smoke: Then He turned to the heaven while it was all smoke. He said to the heaven and the earth: “Come (into being), willingly or unwillingly.” They said: “Here we come (into being) in willing obeisance (41:11).” Science today recognizes that the universe was just smoke after the Big Bang, followed by the formation of stars and planets, as described in the Quran 1,400 years ago and is expanding. According to them, in just one second, it expands a thousand times the size of our solar system. **Could it be by chance? Even if all the elements of the universe were put together it would still be impossible for the universe to create itself by coincidence. That is why many physicists accept intelligent design is a far more likely explanation. The complexity and order suggest intentional design. These factors strongly suggest that an intelligent force or creator is behind the universe. Where there is design there must be a designer, which is Allah.**

5) Universe is expanding: “The heavens, We have built them with might, and verily, We are expanding it” (51:47). Fourteen hundred years ago the Quran stated that Allah is expanding the universe. The only view prevailing at that time

was that the universe has a constant nature, and it existed since infinity. Scientists confirmed what Quran said with modern technologies in the early twentieth century. Adrian Humble observed with telescope that the stars and galaxies were constantly moving away from each other i.e., universe is expanding. **Could it be by chance?**

6) Created all living things from water: Further the verse says: We made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe (21:30)? Science has recently discovered that water constitutes more than 65% of the total weight of all living beings. Human body being 70% water. **Could it also be by chance?**

7) Setting place of the stars (Black Hole): Then I swear by the setting place of the stars, and indeed, it is a mighty oath, if you (humans) could know (56:75-76). Modern science deepens our understanding of cosmology, revealing that there are indeed locations where stars set, they are massive gravitational entities that can influence entire galaxies and distort spacetime. The term "setting place of stars" refers to where stars conclude their life cycle. Various translations of the Quran interpret the word “بِمَوَاقِعَ” differently; some translate it as “the place where the stars fall,” implying to something as powerful as a black hole. **Subhan Allah! Could it be by chance?**

8) Set the mountains as pegs: And We placed firm mountains on earth lest it should sway with them, and We made wide paths in them that they may find their way (21:31). “Is it not a fact that We have made the earth a flat bed and on it” (78:6-7). The theory of plate tectonics revealed that mountain roots are much deeper than their heights, serving as stabilizing pegs for the tectonic plates. **Could it be a fluke?**

9) Planets are revolving in their orbits: “It is He Who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Each of them is floating in its orbit” (21:33). Another verse states that “Neither is it possible for the Sun to overtake the Moon, nor for the night to outstrip the day, each is gliding in its own orbit” (36:40). Another verse says: That by the sky full of paths and orbits (51:7). A century back the scientist used to say

everything is revolving around the earth. Now they agree with what the Quran says.

10) Sky is a well-guarded canopy: We made sky a well-guarded canopy, yet still they turn away from Our signs (21:32). It is He Who created everything on the earth for you, and then directed His attention up to heaven and arranged it into seven regular heavens. He has knowledge of all things (2:29). Today scientists agree, if seven different layers of atmosphere did not exist, life on earth would not be possible. The Quran describes the skies above the earth as a well-guarded canopy, highlighting the protective properties of Earth's atmosphere. These layers shields life from meteoroids, harmful rays, and extreme temperatures, showcasing Allah's creation. The Ozone layer protects the earth from ultraviolet light. Additionally, the earth generates a powerful magnetic field called the Van Allen belts which protects us from solar storm and cosmic rays as powerful as 100 billion atomic bombs. Further the Quran challenges man and jinn: O company of jinn and men, if you have the power to go beyond the bounds of the heavens and the earth, go beyond them! Yet you will be unable to go beyond them for that requires infinite power. Which of your Lord's powers will you twain – you men and jinn – then deny? (If you so venture) a flame of fire and smoke shall be lashed at you, which you shall be unable to withstand (55:33-36). Such scientific insights affirm the Quran's divine origin, beyond doubt. They are still unable to send man in outer space. They don't have proper costumes to protect the astronauts from the extremely harmful radiations and bombardment of high-speed particles.

11) Sent down iron from outer space: We sent down iron in which there lies great force, and which has many uses for mankind (57:25). This verse highlights a significant miracle of the Quran. Modern scientific discoveries indicate that iron and other heavy metals are produced in the core of giant stars called supernovae, and that iron came on earth via meteoroids. Affirming, what the Quran said 1400 years ago. Had excessive iron and heavy metals struck Earth, it would have led to severe environmental issues, such as increased pollution and contamination of water sources, as well as

changes in atmospheric conditions due to impacts on Earth's magnetosphere and gravitation. Physicist Paul Davis and others agree that the fundamental constants of the universe are precisely calibrated for life on Earth, suggesting a deliberate design.

12) Water cycle: It is He Who sends down water in **due measure** from the sky by which We bring the dead land back to life. That is how you too will be raised (43:11). This measure in rain has again been discovered by modern science. It is estimated that more than sixteen million tons of water evaporates from oceans and earth in one second i.e., five hundred and thirteen trillion tons of water per annum, and this is the amount of rain that falls on earth yearly. This is the measured rain cycle that is mentioned in the above verse, and repeating cycle of rain is mentioned in Surah Tariq in verse 11. **By the heaven with its recurring cycle of rain (86:11).**

13) Barrier between seas: He_(SWT) has let loose the two seas converging together, with a barrier between them; they do not break through (55:19-20). Oceanographers recently discovered the phenomenon of halocline which refers to the separation of fresh and saltwater. It means that two oceans of different densities are prevented from mixing by their different surface tensions. That is, there is a barrier of density between them that prevents them from mingling. The Quran told this 1400 years ago.

14) Gender is determined by the male sperm: That He created pairs (male and female) from a drop of sperm as it is poured forth (53:45-46). The improving discipline of genetics and molecular biology have scientifically validated the Quran's claim that the gender of the baby is determined by the male sperm and the female has no role in this process. The males have X and Y chromosome while the females only have X chromosome. When X chromosome of a male unites with the oval of a female, then the baby born is a female and when Y chromosome from a male unites with the oval of the female, then the baby born is a male.

15) Body of Pharaoh will be preserved: When Pharaoh was drowning, he pleaded that he believes. Allah replied: **Now**

you believe, although you disobeyed earlier and were one of the mischief-makers. We shall now save your corpse that you may serve as a sign of warning for all posterity, although many men are heedless of Our signs (10:91-92). Pharaoh's body was recovered from the Red Sea in 1898 at a place called Jabalia. Allah saved his dead body as mentioned in the above verse. Scientist Maurice Bocaille who was researching the Pharaoh's body when he was told that the Quran had mentioned it 1400 years ago. After confirmation, he not only converted to Islam but also wrote a book titled "The Bible, Quran, Science."

16) Hearts thinks: And certainly, We have created for Hell many of the jinn and mankind; **they have hearts with which they fail to understand**; and they have eyes with which they fail to see; and they have ears with which they fail to hear. They are like cattle indeed, even more astray. Such are utterly heedless (7:179). Verily there is a lesson in this for everyone who has a (sound) heart and who listens with an attentive mind (50:37). These verses suggest that the human heart is capable of thought. In 1991, Canadian scientist Dr Armour discovered that the heart has its own "little brain," known as the intrinsic cardiac nervous system, which operates independently. Scientific findings indicate that the heart contains around 40,000 specialized neurons forming a neural network, which instructs the brain on its functions. That is brain is controlled by the human heart. The quality of emotion that we create within our hearts determine the signals that we send to the brain to release the chemistry into our body. In every moment of everyday there is conversation between heart and the brain. The Quran described it 1400 years ago; science is confirming today.

17) Recreating is easy: It is He Who creates in the first instance, and it is He Who will repeat the creation, and that is easier for Him (30:27). This verse addresses disbelievers' scepticism about resurrection after death. It emphasizes that creating something new is more difficult than recreating what already exists, as DNA provides a foundation. For example, after Adam was created, it was easier to create Eve from his rib cell. Further the Quran states: **Yes; indeed, We have the**

power to remould even his fingertips (75:4). Today, we recognize that each person's fingerprints are unique and are used for identification. The verse illustrates that Allah will resurrect individuals with their distinct fingerprints.

18) Lying Brain: No; indeed, if he does not desist, **We shall drag him by the forelock; by the lying forelock steeped in sin** (96:15-16). The culprits shall be known by their marks **and shall be seized by their forelocks and their feet** (55:41). Scientists have recently discovered that the brain's frontal lobe is responsible for lying, a fact the Quran acknowledged fourteen hundred years ago.

19) Rainbow mountains: In the mountains there are white and red, of diverse hues, and pitchy black. And likewise, men, beasts and cattle also have different colors. The fact is that only those of His servants, who possess knowledge, fear Allah (35:27-28). These vibrant mountains also called rain-bow mountains are found only in China and Peru, and the Quran referenced them 1,400 years ago, even though Prophet Muhammad and the Arabs had no access to these regions.

20) Pain receptors of skin: Certainly, We will cast those who deny Our signs into the Fire; and whenever their skins are burned away, We will replace them so they may fully experience the punishment (4:56). Today modern biology informs us that pain receptors are in the outer skin, and when it is burned, one does not feel the pain. This is the message that was conveyed to us by the Quran 1400 years ago.

21) Waves upon waves: Or their efforts are like the darkness in a deep sea, covered by waves upon waves, topped by dark clouds. Darkness upon darkness: **so much so that if he stretches out his hand, he cannot see it. There is no light for the one whom Allah does not give light** (24:40). The Quranic verse metaphorically depicts disbelief and lack of guidance while at the same time mentions a fact that has been recently discovered. Today oceanographers affirm the scientific fact that there are underwater waves in the sea as mentioned in the above verse.

22) He it is Who gave the sun radiance and the moon light and determined the stages (for the waxing and waning of the

moon) that you may learn the calculation of years and the reckoning of time. Allah has created all this with a rightful purpose (rather than out of play). **He expounds His signs for the people who know** (10:5). The moon does not generate its own light but reflects sunlight, a scientifically proven fact.

23) Universal balance: He has raised up the heaven and has set its balance, do not transgress the balance (55:7-8). These verses suggest that humans will ultimately influence the universal balance. Recently, I encountered claims from scientists stating that the destruction of some three planets in our solar system would not affect this balance. In the Quran Allah says: Surely Allah holds the heavens and the earth, lest they should be displaced there, for if they were displaced none would be able to hold them after Him (35:41). These verses declare that once the universal balance is tilted, it cannot be stopped. Man will initiate doomsday by tilting the balance.

24) Long life: O men! Fear your Lord Who created you from a single being and out of it created its mate; and out of the two spread many men and women. Fear Allah in Whose name you plead for rights and heed the ties of kinship (4:1). Believers! It is not lawful for you to become heirs to women against their will. It is not lawful that you should put constraint upon them that you may take away anything of what you have given them; (you may not put constraint upon them) unless they are guilty of brazenly immoral conduct. Live with your wives in a good manner. If you dislike them in any manner, it may be that you dislike something in which Allah has placed much good for you (4:19). The verses highlight the importance of positive and good marital relationships, and recent scientific research indicates that such relationships are source of increased life expectancy.

25) Haman: Pharaoh said: “O nobles, I do not know that you have any god beside myself. Haman, bake bricks out of clay and build a lofty palace for me so that I may mount up and be able to observe the god of Moses, even though I believe that Moses is a liar” (28:38). He is considered the pharaoh’s minister of construction. Initially, Christian scholars dismissed this

claim as false, believing he served under King Xerxes. However, recent studies of Egyptian hieroglyphs revealed Haman as the minister of the stone quarries' construction of Pharaoh. Proving the Quran is right.

26) Do you not see that Allah sent down water from the sky, then made it flow on earth as springs and streams and rivers and then with it He brings forth vegetation of various hues; then this vegetation ripens and dries up, turning yellow, whereafter He reduces it to broken straw? Surely there is a lesson in this for those endowed with understanding (39:21). This was discovered only in the sixteenth century.

27) Three dark layers in a womb: He creates you in your mothers' wombs, giving you one form after another, under three dark veils of darkness. That, then, is Allah, your Lord. His is the kingdom. There is no god but He. So, whence are you being turned astray (39:6)? **Imagine being able to describe the unseen world inside the womb over 1400 years ago. Before modern science, ultrasounds, before anyone could imagine what happens after conception. Yet, in the 7th century, a book appeared with an astonishing accurate account of embryonic development.** The Quran describes the creation of the child in the mother's womb under three veils of darkness: i) the darkness of the abdominal wall, ii) the darkness of the uterine wall, and iii) the darkness of the amnio-chorionic membrane. Modern biology supports this by identifying three distinct dark stages of embryonic development, as mentioned in the verse.

28) The challenge of the Quran: And if you be in doubt whether the Book, We have sent down to Our Servant is from Us or not, then produce, at least, one Surah like this (the smallest surah being just three verses). You may call all your associates to assist you and avail yourselves of the help of anyone other than Allah. If you are genuine in your doubt, do this. But if you do not do this, and you can never do this, then fear the Fire which has been prepared for the disbelievers and which shall have men and stones for fuel (2:23-24). Challenge is: Even if all humans and devils help one another to bring forth

a book like the Quran, they will never be able to do so. Quran is a favor of your Lord on humanity.

29) Bees: Your Lord inspired the female bee, saying: "Set up hives in the mountains and in the trees and in the trellises that people put up, then suck the juice of every kind of fruit and keep treading the ways of your Lord which have been made easy." There comes forth from their bellies a drink varied in colors, wherein there is healing for men. Verily there is a sign in this for those who reflect (16:68-69). Science now confirms that worker bees are female bees, responsible for building hives and gathering nectar from flowers to produce honey in one of their two stomachs, a fact described in the Quran 1,400 years ago.

30) Mosquito: Well, Allah is not ashamed to cite the similitude of a (feminine) mosquito or of something even more insignificant than this. As for those who believe, they come to know from the same similitude that it is the Revelation from their Lord; but those who disbelieve, say, "What does Allah mean by such similitudes?" Allah leads astray many and guides many to the right way by the same thing. And He leads astray only those who disobey Allah (2:26). Recent studies indicate that female mosquitoes are responsible for biting humans and drawing blood. Despite their small size, mosquitoes possess all necessary body parts, showcasing the glory of Allah. With hundreds of small lenses, their eyes provide a 360-degree view, allowing for precise vision. Mosquitoes have three hearts of different types, and they possess 48 teeth. Their trunk contains six specialized "knives," each serving a distinct function. Advanced sensory systems enable them to detect human skin in the dark. The Quran emphasized their unique biological characteristics and the wisdom in their creation. This example illustrates the importance of using God gifted intellect to understand God's creation.

31) Spider: The case of those who took others than Allah as their protectors is that of a spider who builds a house; but the flimsiest of houses is the female spider's house, if they only knew. Surely Allah knows fully what they call upon apart

from Him. He is the Most Powerful, the Most Wise (29:41-42). These examples are given to us to ponder on them, to understand why Allah gave us such tedious example. Those who ponder discover the truth. The science accepts and approves that spider web is built by female spider. In spiders the male spider is smaller than the female spider, after mating the female spider kills the male spider. Similarly, when the offspring mature, they eat their mother. Whoever visits the house of spider is eaten. This serves as a metaphor for the fragility of such protection as the spider's web, emphasizing the futility and weakness of relying on anything other than God for protection and security. In the worldly life these false deities entangle you in their net and suck your worldly resources and destroy your good deeds of the Hereafter, putting you in a complete loss, like someone caught in a spider's web.

32) Ants: Hosts of jinn and humans and birds were marshalled for Solomon and were kept under full control. (Solomon was once on the move with them) until when they reached a valley of ants one of the female ants said: "O ants, get into your holes, lest Solomon and his hosts crush you under their feet without even knowing (27:17-18)." In the past probably people laughed and mocked at the Quran that ants talk and communicate with each other. In recent times, research has shown us several facts about the lifestyle of ants, which were not known earlier to mankind. Research has shown that the animals or insects whose lifestyle is closet in resemblance to the lifestyle of human beings is ants. This can be seen from the following findings regarding ants: i) the ants bury their dead in a manner like the humans. ii) They have sophisticated system of division of labor, whereby they have managers, supervisors, foreman and workers etc. iii) Once in a while they meet among themselves to have a chat. iv) They have an advanced method of communication among themselves. v) They hold regular markets wherein they exchange goods. vi) They store grains for long periods in winter, and if the grain begins to bud, they cut the roots, as if they understand that if they leave it to grow, it will rot. If gets wet due to rain, they dry it in sunlight.

33) Everything on earth has an end: Until the last century most scientists believed that matter was eternal. But with the discovery of modern thermodynamics, we now know all matters deteriorates over time including atoms, this principal known as entropy had already been announced in the Quran when we were told everything will perish.

34) Fore telling the victory of the Romans: The Romans have been defeated in the neighboring land; but after their defeat they shall gain victory in a few years. On that day will the believers rejoice at the victory granted by Allah. This is Allah's promise, and He does not go back on His promise. But most people do not know. (30:2-6). The Romans were defeated and then they were victorious." The idolators wanted the Persians to prevail over the Romans, because they were idol worshippers, and the Muslims wanted the Romans to prevail over the Persians being People of the Book. Seven years later the Romans defeated the Persians as predicted by the Quran and the Muslims defeated the Polytheists of Makkah in Battle of Badr.

3. Benefits of praying

35) Physical benefits of praying: The Islamic prayers apart from having spiritual benefits, it has enormous health benefits, specifically on the structure of the heart, spine, and the brain. In the position of prostration according to a hadith, man is closest to his Lord. In the ever-researching scientific world recent studies reveal that Islamic prayer, particularly the sujud position, offers significant health benefits, enhancing heart, spine, and brain functions. This unique posture not only fosters spiritual connection but also improves blood flow, reduces back pain, and supports cognitive health, illustrating the profound link between faith and physical well-being. The practice of Islamic prayer, particularly the movements like bowing and prostrating, offer significant physical health benefits alongside its spiritual significance. These benefits include improved posture, enhanced breathing, and reduced back pain. Scientific studies confirm its positive effects on muscle activation, joint health, and cardiovascular fitness.

The prostration significantly enhances blood flow to the brain, particularly in the hippocampus, enhancing memory and cognitive abilities. According to the discovery, prostration has profound benefits for reducing dementia risks and improving overall brain health. Prayer is a cure for many diseases, so a person who offers his prayers regularly, he is un-knowingly protected from many ailments.

4. Linguistic equilibrium in the Quran

AI analyzes the Quran to determine its authorship, revealing remarkable numerical patterns that challenge the idea of human creation. These patterns, such as the precise mentions of 'month' and 'day', suggest divine knowledge. The probability of these patterns occurring by chance is astronomically low, supporting the belief that the Quran is from God.

1. The Word month is mentioned 12 times, just as the number of the months in a year.
2. The word day and night in the singular form each is mentioned 365 times, just as the number of days in a year.
3. The word days in the plural, is mentioned 30 times, just as the number of days there are in a month.
4. The word life is mentioned 145 times and death, 145 times.
5. The angel is mentioned 88 times and “demons, 88 times.
6. The word man is mentioned 24 times and woman 24 times.
7. The word good deeds is mentioned 167 times and wrongdoings 167 times.
8. The word “Sea” is mentioned in the Quran 32 times, and the word “land” is mentioned 13 times. When we add them, we get $13+32=45$. Percentage area of Sea $32/45 = 71.11\%$. While percentage area of Land is $13/45 = 28.89\%$. Thru satellites scientist have recently calculated that these numbers represent the exact proportions of surface area of water and land.
9. Good and Bad fifty times each.
10. Life and death 145 each.
11. Life and Hereafter 115 times.
12. Muslims' Qibla (direction of praying) is the Kaaba, Muslims go for tawaf around the Kaaba 7 times. And Qibla in the Quran is mentioned exactly 7 times.
12. Punishment 117 and forgiveness twice the no 234 times, because Allah loves forgiveness.
13. Guidance and misguidance 19 times each.
14. Wealth and poverty 27 times each.
15. Truth and falsehood 112 times each.
16. Gratitude and ingratitude 75

times each. **17.** Friends and enemies 10 times each. **18.** Knowledge and ignorance 856 times each. **19.** Sincerity and hypocrisy 21 times each. **20.** Happiness and sadness 30 times each. **21.** Creation and destruction 24 times each. **22.** Prophet and Messenger 25 times. If a human tried to write this book, it would be challenging to maintain its logic and meaning while preserving its intricate patterns? This fundamental question highlights the impossibility of any human author creating a text with such remarkable depth and scientific accuracy.

Ponder: Allah says: Those who had the knowledge of Devine Books (Tora, Zabor, New Testament), when Quran is recited to them, they weep and fall prostrate on their faces and cry out, “Our lord is glorious, and His promise is sure to be fulfilled.” It increases their humility (Jews and Christians). This what the Quran says about a person who does not use his intellect and consciousness: Have you ever considered the case of the person who has made his lust his god? Can you take the responsibility of guiding such a one aright? Do you think that most of them hear or understand? They are only like the cattle, nay, even worse than the cattle. The parable of those who were admonished with the Torah (the same applies to us) and then they failed to live up to, they are like a donkey laden with books. Even more evil is the parable of the people who gave the lie to the Signs of Allah. Allah does not direct such wrong doers to the Right Way (i.e., they cannot be guided aright, only those who seek the truth and guidance, can be guided).

Allah says: The time of people’s reckoning is drawing nearer, yet they turn aside in heedlessness. Whenever any fresh admonition comes to them from their Lord, they barely heed it and remain immersed in play, and on other concerns. We have revealed to you a Book in which is salvation for you. Would you not use your intellect? **Then warns:** We fulfilled the promise We had made to the prophets; We rescued them and those whom We wished, and destroyed those who exceeded all bounds. **Then advises man:** We did not create for pastime the heavens and the earth and all that

lies between the two. Had it been Our will to find a pastime, We would have found one near at hand; if at all We were inclined to do so. Nay, We hurl the Truth at falsehood so that the Truth crushes falsehood, and lo! it vanishes. To Him belongs whosoever dwells in the heavens and on earth. The angels that are with Him neither disdain to serve Him out of pride, nor do they weary of it. They glorify Him night and day, without flagging. **When the Quran is recited, listen carefully, and keep silent, so that you may understand.**

O Muslims, consider: The Quran encompasses profound knowledge about natural phenomena that transcends time and space. This timeless wisdom serves as evidence of Divine origin and encourages worship of Allah. Further the Quran says: Just as water revives dead earth, so does the Quran revives the human soul. Today, millions of people around the world are reverting to Islam after studying the Quran without bias. O Muslims, when will you study the Quran for guidance, or would you remain uncomprehending like a book-laden donkey? **Lesson:** As the Quran is a book of guidance from Allah, it should be read with understanding.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Surah Al-Fatihah

Quran's first chapter of seven verses is worthy of reciting repeatedly. Surah Fatiha is the summary of the Quranic message. It's first four verses teach us the etiquette of invoking the Lord of the Universe. In the next verse we are told to say that we only worship Him, and only Him do we turn for help (i.e., while talking to Allah in His presence we negate all false deities, intercessors, providers, relievers, sustainer etc., besides Him). The next two verses tell us to seek His guidance to the right path (it is the way of Allah that He only guides those who seek His guidance and let's go astray those who want to stay ignorant i.e., those who are not ready to use their reasoning). In response to our supplication Allah presents the Quran, a book of guidance for us to read, meditate, understand, and follow.

Commandments in The Quran

Since the Quran contain the laws set by God for humanity, it is obligatory to judge accordingly. We must adhere to Allah's limits, fear Him, and strive in His path for success. The following verses mainly consists of the laws and directives of the Shariah revealed to Muhammed for the Muslim Ummah. These Laws aims at the general education and reformation of the Muslims. Briefly, these directives are:

1. Commandments of Faith

1) Belief is: Believing sincerely in One Lord Allah, and the Last Day, and the Angels and the Books and the Prophets(AS), and out of His love, spend of one's choice wealth for relatives and orphans, the needy, the wayfarer, beggars, and for the ransom of slaves. Establish the Salat and pay the Zakat (obligatory charity 2.5% of total wealth) (2:177). Apart from this, in the love of Allah, spending one's choice wealth on relatives and orphans, the poor, travelers, the needy, and paying ransom to free slaves (charity), is pleasing to Allah.

2) Tawheed: Deity is Allah alone, there is no deity save the All-Beneficent and the All-Merciful. So, adore Him most ardently and acquire His colors i.e., His attributes (2:138). Do not associate partners with Allah. Associating anyone in Allah's divinity or ascribing to Allah things without knowledge are unforgivable sins unless repented in mortal life (7:33). (To recognize him) surety there are countless signs for those who use their common sense; they can see alternation of the night and day, in the ships that sail the ocean laden with cargoes beneficial to mankind, and in the rain-water which Allah sends down from the sky and thereby gives life to the earth after its death and spreads over it all kinds of animate creatures, in the blowing of the winds and in the clouds which obediently wait for orders between the sky and the earth (2:164). Believers love Allah above all. **Thus, never associate any deity with Allah, else you will be deprived of all your good deeds and cast into the Hell.**

3) Salat: Establish Salat from the declining of the sun to the darkness of the night and be particular about the recital of the Quran at the dawn of the morning, for the angels are witness to the recitation at dawn. Offer your Prayer not in too loud a voice, nor in a voice too low; but follow a middle course (17:110). Besides this, offer Tahajjud Prayer at night. **When praying stand before Allah like a devoted servant.** **Prohibition:** It is prohibited to pray when drunk until one is sober and knows what he is reciting (most non-Arabs don't know what they recite while praying. Ponder!). Or is impure due to ejaculation, until one has bathed. **Injunctions regarding shortening of prayers during travel and during wars. Ablution & Tayammum:** For ablution, wash the face, hands up to the elbows, wipe the head, and wash feet up to the ankles. And if you are in the state of ritual impurity, purify by bathing. But if someone is ill, or travelling, or went for call of nature, or had sex with his wife and finds no water, then have recourse to clean earth and wipe your faces and your hands therewith (5:6). If water is not available for ablution and bathing or one is ill and water could harm him, instruction is to cleanse with pure earth by swiping face and hands till elbows. Believers, when the call for Prayer is made on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah, and give up all trading. That is better for you, if you only knew. But when the Prayer is ended, disperse in the land and seek Allah's Bounty, and remember Allah much so that you may prosper.

4) Fasts: It is obligatory to fast in the month of Ramadan, which was made obligatory on the first nations, so that you may have piety. Therefore, from now on, whoever finds this month, it is necessary for him to observe the fasts of the entire month. Except if you are sick or on a journey, he should complete the number of fasts on other days. Those who cannot fast pay fine. **The redemption for a fast is to feed at least one poor person, but it is better to fast.** It is lawful to have intercourse with your wives, eat and drink during the nights of the Fast month, until dawn. Then abstain from all

these things till sunset. Intimacy with wives is forbidden during Itikaf in the mosque (2:183-187).

5) Hajj: The months of Hajj are known. When you intend to perform Hajj or Umrah to please Allah, fulfill it. Take expenses of Hajj with you, the best expense is piety. Sacrifice an animal during Hajj, **and if one cannot afford it, then he should fast three days during Hajj and seven on reaching home.** After sacrifice, shave your heads. But whoever is sick or has an ailment of the head and does not shave his head, **atonement for this is either fasting or give alms or offering a sacrifice for the destitute of Makkah.** **Restrictions in state of Ihram:** All kinds of marital relations, fights and mistrust are forbidden in ihram during Hajj and Umrah (2:196-197). It is also prohibiting for the pilgrim in state of ihram to hunt but can hunt after fulfilling pilgrimage obligations. If a pilgrim kills a game while in the state of ihram willfully, **he must pay in expiation the like of it in cattle, to be slayed in the Makkah to feed the destitute, or fast for three days.** All aquatic animals are lawful for you, whether you are on land, on a sea voyage, or in ihram. **Warning:** Do not desecrate the symbols of devotion to Allah, the holy months, the animals of offering wearing collars, nor ill-treat those who have set out for Makkah seeking Allah's pleasure (5:2).

6) Halal Food: All clean things have been made lawful, and one may eat what one's trained animal catches for him by invoking Allah's name on them. All grazing animals are permitted except swine. **Forbidden:** Animals slaughtered without takbir, flesh of animals which die by strangulation, or by blows, or falling from height, or by goring, or devoured by beast of prey unless slayed by invoking Allah's name while still alive, blood, flesh of swine, **what has been consecrated to any other name than that of Allah or slaughtered at the altars** (2:173). **Exempted:** A hungry person can eat haram food to survive. The food of the people of the Book is permitted for you, and yours for them. It is permitted to marry chaste women, either from among the believers or from among those who have received the Book before you, **and do not commit fornication.** **Warning:** Those who reject will be

losers in the Hereafter. And do not make unlawful what is lawful for you (5:87). Allah's name makes a huge difference, eat what is halal, and abstain from Haram.

7) Pledges & Oaths: Fulfil your covenant with Allah when you make a covenant, and do not break your oaths after having firmly made them, for you will be called to account regarding the covenant. Do not use your oaths as a tool to gain advantage in your affairs (16:90-93). The virtuous are those who keep their pledges, who persevere in difficulties, troubles, and in the struggle between truth and falsehood. There is no share in the Hereafter for those who sell the covenant of Allah for a trivial gain. **Oaths:** Do not take oaths that are meant to prevent from virtue, piety, and the welfare of mankind (2:177). Keep your promise. Swearing uttered unintentionally carry no weight, but the one sworn with intention and broken, **its expiation is feeding ten destitute with food you eat, or clothe them, or set free a bondage, or if poor, then fast for three days. But keeping the promise is better** (5:89).

8) Jihad: **a)** Fight in the way of Allah against those who confront you in combat and drive them out from where they drove you out, **but do not transgress, for God does not like transgressors.** Allah is merciful that is why He repels one set of people by means of another to save the earth from oppression (2:190-191). **b) Battle Ethics:** **i)** Fighting should not be for the spoils or gains but for a just cause. **ii)** One fifth of the spoils obtained belong to Allah, to the messenger, to his near of kin, to the orphans, the needy and the wayfarers (8:41). **iii)** Believers, whenever you encounter a hostile force of unbelievers, do not turn your backs to them in flight (8:15). **iv)** In the sight of Allah, the worst kind of people are those who turn deaf ear to admonishing, especially those with whom the Prophet had made a covenant, but from time to time they violated it (8:22). If you find such people in battle, make them an example so that others may take heed. **v)** If you fear treachery from any people of covenant, then publicly throw their covenant at them (8:55-58). **vi)** To overawe yours and Allah's enemies, always be battle ready to encounter them

with all your force and arms that you can muster. **vii) If the enemy inclines to peace, incline yourself as well, and trust Allah** (8:60-61).

9) Zakat, Ushr & Charity: Zakat and Ushr are obligatory. Spend openly and secretly from what Allah has given before the Day of Judgment comes, in which there will be no buying and selling and no favoritism. The Quran gives an example of stingy farmers. They said: "Hurry to your orchards if we want to gather its fruits." So, off they went, whispering to one another that no destitute shall enter them today. They set out quickly, confident that they would gather all the fruits. But as soon as they saw the garden, they cried out: " Either we have lost our way, or we are completely ruined." **The Prophet Muhammad(SAW) said that giving charity increases wealth.** Harvard professor Arthur C. Brooks has confirmed this. He found through research that giving charity leads to greater financial gain, better mental health, and stronger relationships. According to him, generosity also creates a positive cycle that increases both spiritual and financial well-being.

10) Prohibition of interest: Those who devour interest become like the one whom Satan has bewitched. They say, "Trade is also like interest", whereas Allah has made trade lawful and interest unlawful. **Therefore, avoid it, otherwise it is declaration of war by Allah and His Messenger.**

11) Prohibition of intoxicants and gambling: There is great harm in both, though there is some benefit also for the people. But the harm is far greater than the benefit.

12) Bribery and illegal wealth: Do not usurp one another's property by unjust means, nor bribe the judges so that you may devour knowingly and unjustly the goods of others (2:188).

13) Promiscuity: Do not draw near promiscuity, openly or secretly. Stay away from fornication.

14) Gambling and fortune telling: Desist intoxicants, gambling, and from fortune telling etc., these are handiwork of Satan, with them he creates enmity and hatred amongst you, and turns you away from the remembrance of Allah and prayers.

15) Women that a man cannot marry: Father's wives, (mothers), daughters, sisters, sisters of your parents, nieces, foster mothers, their daughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters if marriage is consummated, else allowed. Forbidden are wives of the sons, and to take two sisters together in marriage. And forbidden are all married women (with husbands). Except these Marry any women, pay their bridal-dues as an obligation. Free to marry slave women, especially those of you who cannot afford to marry free, believing women, then marry believing slave women with the permission of her owner. **Punishment:** If a slave wife commits an act of immorality after wedlock, she will face half the penalty then that of a free woman.

16) Marriage, divorce, and other matters of marital life like, menstruation period, Ella, khula, breastfeeding, maintenance etc. During menstrual periods avoid marital relation until they are clean. The widow should abstain from marriage for four months and ten days. It is no offence if you make indirect proposal of marriage to widows during their waiting term. But you should not settle anything about the marriage until the waiting term expires. Prohibition of marriage with idolaters (2:221). **Wives:** These verses allow four marriages, provided one can do justice. The bridal due (mahr) is obligatory on husband. If a man wants to divorce his wife to marry another woman, **he should avoid making false allegations on the present wife to take back what he had given her.** Treat them well even if you dislike them. If you divorce your wife, **don't take back what you have gifted them, even if it is heap of gold. After divorce don't try to be their heirs against their will, neither unjustly slander them.** If a woman is guilty of adultery, bring four eyewitnesses against her so that the court can punish her according to Sharia law.

17) During Menstruation: They ask about the monthly course. Say, "It is a state of impurity; so, keep apart from women during their monthly course and do not go near them until they are clean (2:222). The Prophet Muhammad(SAW) explained what is meant by "keeping away from women", "Do everything except for intercourse" (Muslim). The fine one must pay to the destitute for having sexual relations during menstruation according to a hadith paying a charity equivalent to feeding 60 needy destitute. Scholars calculate it as 4.25gm of gold for rich and 2.25gm for less fortunate.

18) Divorce: Divorced women should wait for three menstrual periods. Divorce can be pronounced twice, **then either stop the wife with respect or say goodbye in the best way.** And if the husband divorces his wife (for the third time), one shall not marry her, unless she marries another husband, and the second husband divorces her. **If you divorce your wives before intimacy, then one should pay them according to one's means, it's an obligation on the righteous, or if the Mehr was fixed, pay at least half of the fixed Mehr.** **Settlement:** If a woman fears ill-treatment or aversion from her husband, as settlement is better, it is allowed for the spouses to reconcile by compromising on their rights. **By nature, men cannot do justice to their wives even if they want to, so it would be enough for them not to lean towards a single wife to fulfill the law.** **Divorce period:** **When you divorce your women,** divorce them for a prescribed waiting-periods, and count the waiting-period accurately, and fear Allah. Do not expel them from their homes, nor should they leave unless they commit a clear indecency. These are Allah's prescribed limits, transgressing them is big sin. **It may be that Allah brings reconciliation.** Once the waiting-period ends, either retain them fairly or part ways justly. **i)** For women who do not menstruate anymore, the waiting period is three months; the same applies to those who have not menstruated. **ii)** For pregnant women, it ends at delivery. **iii)** Provide for them during the waiting-period. If they bear your child, compensate them fairly, settling terms by mutual understanding. If disputes arise, another woman may nurse

the child. **iv)** The affluent should spend according to their means, while those with limited resources should give from what Allah has provided.

19) Zihar: Those of you who put away their wives by zihar (calling them mother) should know their wives are not their mothers. Their mothers are only those who gave them birth. They utter a monstrous thing and a lie. Those who pronounce zihar regarding their wives, then wish to go back on what they had said, **shall have to free a slave before the two touch each other, or fast consecutively for two month, or feed sixty destitute.**

20) Men have slight edge over women: Men being the breadwinner and protector of women, they have an edge over them. Thus, righteous women are obedient and protect their chastity. In case of ill conduct, men are instructed to admonish them, then separate the beds, then slightly beat them (Not to hit the face, and in such a way that no marks are left on the body, which is why some scholars say it is like hitting with a toothbrush). However, if a dispute persists, appoint mediators from both sides to settle the matter.

21) Orphans: And do not even go near the property of an orphan except in the best manner until they mature. Treat orphans in a way that is good for their well-being. It is permissible for the guardian to incorporate the wealth of the orphans in his business, but with justice (2:220). Return the orphan's property, and do not exchange their good things with the bad ones. Allah has given injunctions regarding female orphans whom one wishes to marry out of greed, or treat them unjustly, or if one fears that if he marries an orphan, he might not be able to treat her properly, then don't marry (4:2-3). **Instructions on entrusting the property of orphans to them:** When they reach puberty and are mature, return their wealth to them in the presence of witnesses. **It also warns on devouring orphan's property. In case the guardian is rich, he should abstain from consuming any of their wealth, if poor he can partake in a fair measure (4:6).**

22) Order of Migration: The order of migration was until the conquest of Makkah. He who did not emigrate for no reason is a hypocrite, so do not make them your ally until they migrate. Whoever of them helps the enemy, kill him wherever you find him, except for those who take refuge with whom you have a treaty. Allah will forgive those who are weak or have no means of migration. **Similarly, it is permissible to kill groups that do not want peace with you and do not refrain from fighting against you.** **Exceptions to killing are those hypocrites who remain neutral, those who have taken asylum in the tribes with whom there is a peace treaty.** On the Day of Judgment, those who did not migrate will pretend that they were oppressed, the angels will reject their excuse and ask, “Was not Allah’s earth spacious for you to migrate?” **Allah will forgive those who are weak or had no means to migrate.** Those who migrate in the cause of Allah will find ample shelter and resources in the land of Allah, and **those who die during the migration, their reward is secure with Allah.** The importance of migration when needed is explained.

23) We are commanded to convey the religion to the people. If we convey the message of Allah to them, we will be witnesses over them, while the Prophet is a witness over us for conveying the message to us. **24) There is no compulsion and coercion** regarding religion, the right has been made distinct from the wrong. **25) Those who reject false gods** and believe in Allah have secured an unshakeable support.

2. Commandments of Justice

1) Allah enjoins justice, kindness and the doing of good to kith and kin, and forbids all that is shameful, evil, and oppressive. He exhorts you so that you may be mindful (16:90). Allah accepts system of disbelief but not injustice. Uphold justice and bear witness to truth even if it be against yourselves or against your parents or kinsmen, or the rich or the poor. **So, do not follow your desires, lest it**

makes you unjust (4:135). Allah does not like speaking harshly in public unless one has been wronged. Although the victim has the right to speak harshly, it is better if he speaks softly, or pardons the oppressor. Judge between people with justice. Be just, even if a near of kin is affected. Be upright bearers of witness for Allah and let not the enmity of any people move you to deviate from justice. Those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed have disbelieved. Fear Allah and put your trust in Him alone. Never enjoin in indecencies, rather enjoin in justice and righteousness.

2) Laws of inheritance: There is a share for men and for women in what their parents and kinsfolk leave behind. After paying off the debts of the deceased and fulfilment of a will, Allah has fixed the shares of the heirs. **i)** The share of a male is like that of two females. **ii)** If the heirs are more than two daughters, they shall have two-thirds of the inheritance; and if there is only one daughter, then she shall have half the inheritance. **iii)** If the deceased has offspring, each of his parents shall have a sixth of the inheritance. **iv)** And if the deceased has no child and his parents alone inherit him, then one-third shall go to his mother and two third to his father. **v)** If the deceased has brothers and sisters, then one-sixth shall go to his mother, one third to the father rest to brothers and sisters. **vi)** If the wife dies childless then to husband belongs half of whatever she has left behind, but if she has children then a fourth belongs to him. **vii)** And to wives belongs a fourth of what you leave behind, if you die childless; and if you a child then to them belongs one-eighth. **viii)** And if a man or woman have no heir, but have siblings, then each of these shall inherit one-sixth; but if they are more than two, then they shall inherit one-third of the inheritance. **ix)** At the time of division of inheritance if near of kin orphans and needy are present, give them something, considering, if you would leave behind helpless offspring, you would be worried about them. These are the bounds set by Allah, whoever transgresses will be in Hellfire. **legacies and wills:** He who is wealthy should make a will in a well-known way for his parents and relatives. It is an obligation on God fearing (it's

an initial instruction later rectified) (2:80). **Bequest:** If you are bedridden or on a journey, make a will in the presence of two just witnesses, and if deemed an oath may be taken from the witnesses in the mosque (5:106-107).

3) Children: Do not slay your children for fear of poverty. He provides you and will likewise provide them with sustenance. **4) Special children:** Don't entrust wealth that is a means of your sustenance, to the mentally weak, but do feed them, clothe them, and take care for them.

5) Principles of lending and borrowing: It is instructed that when you lend or borrow, write a document in the presence of two witnesses. The witnesses should not refrain from testifying. **If your debtor is in trouble, give him time until his financial situation improves. But if you forgive the debt as a charity, it is better for you (2:282).**

6) Devouring wealth: Do not devour each other's possessions wrongfully; but by trade with mutual consent. **Those who devour people's wealth by transgression and injustice, Hellfire will be their abode. Allah does not love those who betrays trust or persists in sin. Allah commands that the trusts be delivered to its rightful owner.**

7) Murder: Do not kill anyone unjustly. If a believer slays a believer or a non-Muslim with whom you have a covenant by mistake, the atonement is to pay the blood-money to his heirs, and to set free a believing slave or fast two consecutive months. And if the slain person belonged to a hostile people, then the atonement is to set free a believing slave. **And if one slays a believer willfully, reward is Hellfire. Retribution and Blood money:** If a free man commits a murder, the same free man shall be punished for it, likewise if a slave or a woman is guilty of murder the same shall be accountable for it. **But in case the kin of the murdered man are willing to show leniency to the murderer, the blood money should be decided in accordance with the common law and the murderer should pay it in a genuine way (2:178-79). Do not kill anyone unjustly. The heir of an unjustly murdered person has the right to retribution.**

8) Punishments: Slaying a soul unfairly is as if one has slayed all mankind; and if one saves a life, it is as if one has saved all mankind. **It has been ordained:** A life for a life, an eye for an eye, a nose for a nose, an ear for an ear, a tooth for a tooth, and for all wounds, like for like. **But if someone forgives, it will be an expiation for him.** A thief's hand to be chopped off (**except for a hungry person who steals for food**). For armed robbery cut off from opposite sides their hand and foot. **Those who do not judge by what Allah has revealed are indeed the wrong doers.** Those who wage war against Allah, His messenger, and the believers, and spread mischief on earth, they should either be killed, or crucified, or banished from the land, except those who repent before being overpowered. On the Day of Recompense, if the disbelievers had more than double the wealth the size of earth and offered it as a ransom from chastisement, it will not be accepted.

3. Commandments of Social Welfare

1) Piety is: Out of love of Allah spending one's wealth on relatives, orphans, needy, wayfarer, beggars and ransoming of slaves, giving Zakat, keeping one's pledges and being patient under all circumstances. **Remember:** A kind word is better than the charity that is followed by insult. Give charity openly or secretly, but giving secretly is better. One will receive full reward for wealth spent in charity. Spend the best of wealth in the way of Allah, especially on white collared people. Satan encourages stinginess out of fear of poverty, while Allah promises forgiveness and bounty. Give to the near of kin his due, and to the needy and the wayfarer their due. Allah does not love the arrogant, the boastful and niggardly. Charity spent for showoff is a sin, while sincere charity He multiplies. The finest of all garments is the garment of piety.

2) Repentance: Allah accepts the repentance of those who sin in ignorance. **He does not accept repentance sought near death whether he is a believer or an unbeliever.** **3) Salutation:** When greeted, return it with a better or at least the same.

4) Whispering in gathering: Whispering is devoid of goodness, except for charity, good deeds, and to fix men's affairs. **5) Rumours:** Rumors should be forwarded to the competent authorities for investigation, spreading them is prohibited. **6) Slandering:** No one will be able to defend perpetrators who do not repent before the Doomsday (death), not even the Prophet(SAW). **If anyone sins, he harms himself, and if he puts it on an innocent person, he will have to bear the burden of slander and his own sin.**

7) It is prohibited to **commit suicide.** **8)** Never be self-righteous but be humble. **9) Mockers:** Do not take the Jews, the Christians and those who mock your faith for your allies, rather they are the allies of each other. And amongst you he who takes them for allies, shall be regarded as one of them. **10) Various:** Allah will not forgive those who disbelieve after believing. **Do not sit where the verses of Allah are being mocked, until they engage in some other talk.** Allah does not want to burden man, for man was created weak.

11) Be good to your parents; even if they attain dotage, do not even say "fie" to them, but speak respectfully and pray "O Lord, show mercy to them as they nurtured me when I was small." **12) Weight:** Weight with proper scale and give full measure. **13)** Do not insult false deities, lest they insult Allah. **14)** All types of sin, transgression, indecent acts, whether overt and hidden are forbidden. **15)** Adam(AS) and his offspring were told, when a messenger comes to them from among themselves, who recite to them His commandments, those who mend their ways shall succeed, and those who reject will be the loser in the Hereafter (7:35-36).

16) i) Allah enjoins generosity, ii) Allah enjoins kind treatment with kindred. **17)** i) Allah forbids wickedness. ii) He forbids oppression. iii) Do not make your oaths a means

of deceiving one another, lest you hinder others (disbelievers) from the way of Allah and face a severe chastisement. **iv)** Do not barter the Covenant of Allah for transitory gains, what Allah has is better for you (16:94-96). **18)** **i)** What is lawful and what is unlawful is the authority of Allah alone. **ii)** Call people towards the Way of Allah with wisdom, excellent admonishing, and reason in a courteous manner (16:125-128). **19)** **i)** Neither be stingy and nor be spendthrift. **ii)** And when you have nothing to give, plead politely. **iii)** Do not squander your wealth wastefully, those who squander are Satan's allies. **20)** Do not strut about in the land arrogantly. **21)** Do not follow that of which you have no knowledge. Surely the hearing, the sight, the heart will be called to account. **22)** Always say that which is best because Satan tries to sow discord between human beings. Satan is avowed enemy of man. **23)** **i)** Never slander anyone of promiscuity without four eyewitnesses. **ii)** Bond all kinships.

24) **i)** Believers, when an ungodly person brings to you a piece of news, carefully ascertain its truth, lest you should hurt a people unwittingly and thereafter repent at what you did. **ii)** Allah has made unbelief and evil-doing and disobedience abhorrent to you. **iii)** If two parties of the believers happen to fight, make peace between them. But then, if one of them transgresses against the other, fight the one that transgresses until it reverts to Allah's command. And if reverts, **make peace between them with justice, and be equitable for Allah loves the equitable.** **iv)** Surely the believers are none but brothers unto one another, so set things right between your brothers, and be afraid of Allah that you may be shown mercy. **v)** Believers, let not a group (of men) scoff at another group, it may well be that the latter (at whom they scoff) are better than they; nor let a group of women scoff at another group, it may well be that the latter are better than they. And do not taunt one another, nor revile one another by nicknames. It is an evil thing to gain notoriety for ungodliness after belief. Those who do not repent are indeed the wrong doers. **vi)** **a)** Believers, avoid being excessively suspicious, for some suspicion is a sin. **b)** Do not spy, **c)** nor

backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would surely detest it. Be afraid of Allah, surely, Allah is much prone to accept repentance. He is Most Compassionate. **vii)** Human beings, We created you all from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes **so that you may know one another**. Verily the noblest of you in the sight of Allah is the most God-fearing of you. **viii)** Indeed, the ones possessed of true faith are those who believed in Allah and His Messenger and then they did not entertain any doubt and strove hard in the Way of Allah with their lives and their possessions. These are the truthful ones. **ix)** The bad side of each of these matters is disliked by your Lord. **x)** Arrogant have no place in Paradise.

25) i) O you who have believed, if a wicked person brings you some news, inquire into it carefully lest you should harm others unwittingly and then regret what you have done. **ii)** If two parties of the believers happen to fight, make peace between them. But then, if one of them transgresses against the other, fight the one that transgresses until it reverts to Allah's command. And if it does revert, make peace between them with justice, and be equitable for Allah loves the equitable. **iii)** The believers are brothers to one another; so, set the relations right between your brothers, and fear Allah. **iv)** O you who have believed, neither should men mock other men, it may be that these are better than they; nor should women mock other women, it may be that these are better than they. Do not taunt one another among yourselves, nor call one another by nicknames. It is an evil thing to be called by a bad name after faith. **v)** O you who have believed, avoid being excessively suspicious, for some suspicions are sins. Do not spy, nor should anyone backbite the other.

Comments: Before I comment on the commandments, I would like you to consider two hadiths. **a)** The Prophet(SAW), said, “**Look at those below you and do not look at those above you, lest you belittle the favours of Allah** (Muslim 2963).” This hadith emphasizes the importance of being humble and grateful for one's position and urges us not to envy those who are better off than us in status. **Why?** When we look up at those who are higher in status, Satan incites us to complain and express ingratitude towards Allah. Consequently, it

causes tension, animosity, malice, jealousy, and hatred in the society. While Islam teaches us to thank Allah and to pray that Allah gives them even more and make their hearts softer. On the other hand, Allah's teachings encourage us to develop within ourselves humility, gratitude, and compassion for the less fortunate, and to thank Allah for enabling us to help them. **This is the essence of Islam.** b) **This hadith is scary** that states that “out of every hundred, only one will enter Paradise,” while the others will be sent to Hell (Bukhari 6529). O Muslims! Allah is All-Just. We humans are the best creatures because of our intelligence and consciousness, and if we do not use our intellect and consciousness, we are worse than cattle. There are two basic criteria for entering Paradise: a) We agree there can be no two kings in a kingdom, thus logically there cannot be two gods in the universe. Thus, true believers are those who have faith in one God, Allah, accept all His Messengers, firmly uphold His religion, and dedicate their lives and possessions to His cause. They are the ones with true faith. b) Allah loves His creatures seventy times more than their mothers, so we should care for all His creations, especially humans, by obeying His commandments. Our Lord disapproves of wrongdoing. As a just ruler, Allah will not neglect the rights of His creatures on the Day of Judgment. Those who have abused others, in the Hereafter, their good deeds will be put in the scales of the victims. Therefore, apart from the disbelievers, polytheists, hypocrites, and sectarians, this will lead many believers to Hell. **In summary, the essence of our existence and the attainment of Paradise lies in harnessing our intellect, overcoming our shortcomings, caring for others, maintaining environmental balance, nurturing relationships, pursuing justice even when it is challenging, and uplifting the less fortunate.**

Important Verses

1) Duty of the Prophet(saw) is only to deliver the message. 2) The life of this world is nothing but a sport and a pastime, the life of the Hereafter is far better for those who are Godfearing. 3) **The only people who respond to the call of**

truth are those who **listen to the verses of Allah and meditate on them.** **4)** Those who lie and say revelation has come unto them, let them produce the likes of the Quran? The word of your Lord is perfect in truth and justice, no one can change His decrees. **5)** Satan and a category of satanic jinn and humans have been enemies of every prophet. **6)** For every community there is an appointed term; and when its term expires, there cannot be moments delay nor advancement. **7)** Vain are the deeds of those who reject Allah's signs and to the meeting of the Hereafter. They will be recompensed accordingly. **8)** Keep admonishing people even those whom Allah is about to destroy or punish severely, to avoid disobedience and have an excuse before the Lord. **9)** **Allah delivered those who forbid evil, and afflicted the unjust and those who did not admonish with a painful torment** (admonition is obligatory). **10)** Guard against the communal mischiefs that could bring punishment to the whole community.

11) Allah does not punish a nation, a) when there is a prophet among them. b) When they seek forgiveness from Him. **12)** Allah is not unjust in the least to His creatures, but the punishment is the earning of their own hands. **13)** Indeed, most of the scholars and monks of the people of the Book devour the wealth of others by evil means and debar them from the Way of Allah. **14)** Allah sends down sustenance and people without authority declared some of it as unlawful and some as lawful. **15)** Allah is very generous to human beings, yet most of them are ungrateful. **16)** The friends of Allah who believe and lead a righteous life, will have no fear or grief. **17)** **Had Allah willed, all those who are on the earth would have believed. Will you, then, force people into believing?** **18)** Do they say you have forged this message? Tell them: "If so, the guilt of it is upon me, but guilt of your crime is on you. **19)** Those who put their trust in Allah shall find Him. **20)** It is for exercising of freedom of choice that He has created men and jinn. Thus, the word of your Lord is fulfilled: "Indeed I will fill the Hell, with men and jinn (because most are in denial)."

21) Verily Allah does not change peoples' condition, until they change their inner selves. 22) Allah declares: "If you are thankful, I will surely give you more. But if you are ungrateful for My blessings, My chastisement is terrible." 23) When you begin to recite the Quran, seek Allah's refuge against the accursed Satan, because he has no authority over those who believe and put their trust in their Lord. He only has authority over those who take him as their guardian. 24) Whosoever is forced to disbelieve after belief, while his heart is convinced of the Faith, (he shall be absolved) but whosoever accepts disbelief willingly, he incurs Allah's wrath, and there is severe torment for all such people. 25) Noah said: Embark in it. In the name of Allah is its sailing and its anchorage, my Lord is Ever Forgiving, Most Merciful. 26) Satan tempts people to associate others with Allah. 27) Say to those who do not believe, "Act according to your way, and we follow our way". 28) Result of blind following is bad. 29) Allah has created the heavens and the earth with the Truth. Indeed, there is a Sign in this for the believers. 30) Do you not see that Allah sent down rainwater from the sky, then made it to flow in the earth in the form of springs and fountains and rivers, then He brings forth thereby a variety of crops of different kinds; then they ripen, and wither and you see them turn yellow, and then, finally, He reduces them to straw? Indeed, there is a lesson in this for the men of understanding.

31) Even if a prophet commits polytheism, he too will face punishment. 32) Proclaim: "The Truth has come, and falsehood has vanished. Surely falsehood is bound to vanish. They ask you about the Spirit. Say, "The Spirit (Gabriel) comes by the command of the Lord." We have been ordered to follow the way of Abraham^(AS), who was not a polytheist. Our prayers, our sacrifices, our living and dying are only for Allah, the Lord of all. 33) This is an admonishing for the world. For people who ponder in the signs in the heavens and the earth. 34) Satan only has authority over those who take him as their guardian.

Admonishing

- 1) O Believers, spend of the wealth We have bestowed upon you (in Our way) before the Day comes when there shall be no buying and no selling: when neither friendship nor intercession will be of any avail. Those, who adopt the way of disbelief are indeed the wrongdoers (2:253). Guard against the disgrace and misery of the Day when you shall return to Allah: there everyone shall be paid in full, for the good or evil one has earned, and none shall be wronged (2:281).
- 2) Allah says: He is very close to his servants, when they call on Me, I hear their prayers, and I answer them. So, let them believe in Me and obey Me, maybe they will find the right way. **Allah wrongs none, not even as much as an atom's weight.**
- 3) Be mindful of Allah to attain true success. Purify your worship for Him alone. Allah is with those who show fortitude.
- 4) Fear Allah as He should be feared and die not except in the state of submission to Him.
- 5) **All good is from Allah; and misfortune is due to your own actions.**
- 6) For the God-fearing there are, gardens beneath which rivers flow; where they will abide forever and enjoy the good pleasure of Allah.
- 7) All prophets were Muslims. Those who believe in Allah and His Messengers, and do not differentiate between them, Allah will reward with Paradise. Those who love Allah should obey Allah and His Messenger, then Allah will love them and forgive their sins. **Those who disbelieve and disobey the Prophet(saw) will be losers.** He promised the **righteous believer** forgiveness and a great reward, and for the disbelievers, there is a blazing fire.
- 8) Let not the strutting of the disbelievers deceive you, their abode in the Hereafter is Hellfire.
- 9) Righteousness can only be attained if one spends in the way of Allah and hold fast to the Book of Allah for guidance.
- 10) **No Paradise without faith, trial, and suffering.** It is for those who, after faith, strive to outdo one another in good deeds.
- 11) Faith will be tested with fear, hunger, poverty, wealth, sickness, and health. Those who persevere will succeed.
- 12) When Allah will call man to account, all his actions will come to light.
- 13) **Being pious does not guarantee pious children.**
- 14) It is not necessary to be a believer for good sustenance.
- 15) **It is not necessarily that what you like, be**

good for you, and that which you dislike, be bad for you. Allah knows, you do not know. Allah says, “If you dislike something, you may dislike that in which Allah has kept good for you (bear with patience).” **16) Enjoin right and forbid wrong. For the believers, Allah suffices. 17) Everyone is responsible and accountable for their own deeds. Interceding for good or bad cause will be recompensed accordingly. 18) Good and evil cannot be equal, even if evil looks pleasing because of its abundance. 19) Avoid major sins, Allah will forgive your minor sins, and admit you to Paradise. 20) Do not covet for what Allah has conferred abundantly on others.**

21) Help one another in acts of righteousness and piety, and not in sin and transgression. Do not even transgress on your enemies. 22) Those who believe in the Lord’s signs, He has made mercy incumbent upon Himself for them, and forgives those who repent and mend their way. 23) The Prophet^(SAW) has nothing to do with those who divide their religion into sects and become a faction. Their matter is with Allah and He will indeed tell them (Hereafter) what they have been doing. 24) Good deeds will be rewarded ten times or more while evil deeds are punished by its equivalent (if the sins far exceed the tens, who is responsible). **25) Do not call on any other master other than Allah. When such nations were destroyed by Allah’s scourge, their only cry was: “We indeed transgressed (it was too late for repentance).” 26) Let not Satan deceive you in the manner he deceived Adam^(AS). Remember, his host (kareen) see you from whence you do not see them. 27) Follow the Quran revealed by your Lord. 28) Guided are those who take Allah as their guardian and call upon Him, knowing that to Him we all must return. 29) Wear full clothes during prayers. 30) Allah has not forbidden ornaments or the good things from among the means of sustenance. These are for the enjoyment of the believers in this world and shall be exclusively theirs after the Day of Recompense.**

31) Allah via the Prophet tells us to show forgiveness, enjoin equity, and avoid the ignorant. And if the prompting from Satan should stir you, seek refuge with Allah, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. 32) Obey Allah and His Messenger and do not quarrel among yourselves, otherwise your strength will continue to decrease, and you will lose

courage. **33)** Don't give preference to non-believers in friendship or association even if they are the closest relatives. **34)** It does not befit the Prophet and those who believe to pray for the forgiveness of the polytheists, even though they be near of kin, when it is clear to them that they deserve Hell. **35)** It is not befitting for the people to stay home to safeguard their interests. Because in the way of Allah, every affliction such as thirst, hunger and other physical trials, and every step by which the disbelievers are enraged, and every act of revenge against the enemies of the truth, is credited to them. Allah does not let go unrewarded any deed of the righteous people. **36)** Those who seek worldly adornment, will be recompensed for their work in this world, and they shall have nothing in the Hereafter except Fire. **37)** Indeed, the good deeds drive away the evil deeds. Be patient; for indeed Allah never lets the reward of those who do good go to waste. **38)** Unfortunately, only few righteous men from a generation forbid other from causing corruption on the land, they will be saved. The wrong doers who pursue for ease and comfort of this world, are lost in sinfulness. That is why the Quran says: Lo! Man is in a state of loss; save those who have faith and do righteous deeds, and counsel each other to hold on to truth and counsel each other to be steadfast. **39)** Allah never destroys the settlements whose inhabitants are righteous. **40)** On the Day of Judgment, the deeds will be weighed, those whose scales are heavy will prosper, and those whose scales are light will be the losers.

41) Allah established us on the earth and arranged for our livelihood. **42)** Just as water foams at the time of a flood, and then disappears, in the same way, falsehood is like foam that disappears. **43)** Paradise is for those who respond to the call of their Lord, and Hellfire is for those who reject it. One who accepts the truth cannot be equal to one who rejects it. **Only people of understanding take heed.** **44)** On Judgment Day the deeds of every obstinate tyrant who opposed the Truth are brought to naught. Good word is like a good tree, whose roots are firmly fixed, and whose branches reach the sky, yielding fruit in every season. While the example of an evil word is that of an evil tree, uprooted from the surface of the earth, wholly unable to endure. **45)** Whatever you have is bound to pass away and whatever is with Allah is everlasting. **46)**

Those who are patient, Allah will reward them for their good deeds. He forgives those who repent and reform themselves. **47)** The liars are not the Prophets, but the infidels. Allah does not guide the ungrateful. We are told to follow the way of Abraham^(AS) who was not a polytheist. **48)** He who follows the Right Way does it to his own advantage; and he who strays incurs his own loss. No one shall bear another's burden. **49)** Those who seek worldly life will receive what God wills with no share in the Hereafter. In contrast, those who desire the success of the Hereafter, strive for it, and believe sincerely will succeed both in this world and the Hereafter. **50)** He forgives those who relent and revert to serving Him.

51) The testimony of Allah is sufficient, for He is fully aware of the deeds of His servants. **52)** It is He Who endowed you with life and it is He who causes you to die, and it is He Who will then resurrect you. **53)** Man is indeed extremely prone to denying the Truth. **54)** We do not lay a burden on anyone beyond his capacity. We have a Book with Us that speaks the truth about everyone; and they shall in no wise be wronged. **55)** The well-off and the opulent among you should not swear an oath that they would withhold their help from their relatives (the slanderer), the indigent and those who have left their homes for the cause of Allah, they should forgive and forbear. **Do you not wish that Allah forgives you** (forgive to be forgiven)? **56)** And your Lord would never destroy a town until He had sent in their central place a Messenger, who recited to them Our verses; Nor would We destroy any town unless its dwellers were wicked. **57)** We have conjoined man to do good to his parents, but if they force you to associate with Me another deity whom you do not know as such, you should not obey them. You shall all return to Me, then I shall tell you what you have been doing. And those who will believe and do good deeds, We shall certainly include them among the righteous. **58)** Those who disdain My worship on account of pride, shall enter Hell, disgraced. **59)** **Allah tests nations with hardship and ease of sustenance. And no sooner, He bestow mercy on a people after hardship, they begin to scheme against His signs. They are warned that Allah is swifter in scheming, and that angels are recording all their actions.** **60)** Ephemeral world lures people towards worldly

pleasures, while Allah calls them to the abode of the Hereafter.

61) He only guides those who have urge for guidance. **62)** No sign or warning can be of any use to those who do not use their intellect and are bent on disbelief. **63)** Man prays for evil in the manner he ought to pray for good. **64)** The martyrs are alive in the heavens with Allah. **65)** O Prophet! Allah is sufficient for you and the believers who follow you. **66)** If you try to count Allah's blessings, you can't count them. **67)** On the Day of Resurrection, where every soul will be anxious for its salvation, Allah will forgive those who were persecuted because of their faith, and then emigrated in the way of Allah. **68)** It is He Who has dispersed you in the earth, and it is unto Him that you shall all be mustered. **69)** Prophets are only giver of glad tiding and warner; they are not accountable for the people's actions. **70)** The true religion with Allah is Islam. Never associate anyone with the Lord. Nothing can be concealed from Allah.

71) Whatever you have been given, is just a provision for this worldly life and its adornment; and that which is with your Lord is better and more lasting. **72)** When We bless man, he turns away and waxes proud. But when a misfortune touches him, he is full of supplication. **73)** Whoever does good, does so to his own benefit; and whoever does evil, will suffer its evil consequence. **74)** Allah initiated creation, then He will repeat it, then to Him you will be returned. And when the Hour is established, the criminals will be dumbfounded. **75)** People, Allah's promise is true. Don't let the worldly life, or the great deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allah. He is your enemy, so treat him as such. **76)** Only pure words rise to Him, and righteous deeds cause it to rise. Those who plot evil will face severe torment, and their plotting will not avail. **77)** In the Hereafter no one will bear another's burden, and if a burdened soul cries out for help, no one will come forward to share its burden, even the closest kin. **78)** The Day the Hour is established; people will be split into groups. Those who have believed and done good works, will be kept in Gardens, happy and jubilant. As for those who disbelieved and gave the lie to Our Signs and to the encounter of the Hereafter, they will be arraigned for chastisement. **79)** It is

not your wealth nor your children, which bring you closer to Us, but those who believe and do good works. They are the ones who will have a double reward for their deeds, and they will live in luxurious mansions in peace. As for those who strive to discredit Our Revelation, it is they who will be confined in punishment. **80)** Whoever seeks honor should understand that honor belongs to Allah. O people, you need Allah. If He wishes, He can remove you and bring a new creation in your place. This is not difficult for Him.

81) Those who endure with patience shall be rewarded without measure. **82)** Allah sent the Quran to explain the truth, and guide those who believe. It guides to the perfect Straight Way, gives glad tidings to the believers, and warns the disbelievers of chastisement. **83)** Allah says that those who turn deaf ears and blind eyes to the guidance wrong themselves. **84)** There is no compulsion and coercion regarding religion, the right has been made distinct from the wrong. Due to freewill it is up to you to choose. **85)** It tells us that every man's omen hangs around his neck (**negates superstition**), and on Judgment Day it will unwrap for him to read (**book of deeds**). **86)** When the affluent people of a society defiantly disobey and create chaos, then the punishment of Allah descends on the community. **87)** Man is a strange creature, when Allah bestows favour on him, he arrogantly turns his back, but when misfortune befalls him, he begins to despair. The Lord knows who is on the right way. **88)** It is Allah Who has endowed you with the faculties of hearing and sight and has given you hearts (intellect) to think. **89)** Follow the best aspect of the Book sent down by your Lord, before death comes. **90)** O believers, return to your Lord and submit to Him before the scourge overtakes you, and then you will get no help from anywhere.

91) This Quran is a guidance and a healing for the believers. But to those who do not believe, it is a plug in their ears and a covering over their eyes. Surely, they are in a disquieting doubt about it. **92)** **Keep to the faith of your father Abraham. Allah named you Muslims earlier and even in this (Book), that the Messenger may be a witness over you, and that you may be witnesses over all mankind.** **93)** The Quran is a

healing and mercy to the believers, and loss to the workers of iniquity. Unfortunately, most people are oblivious of everything except enjoyment of the worldly life. **94)** Allah does not ask you for any worldly provision; rather, it is He Who provide you, and ultimately the pious will end up the best. **95)** To Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. He has complete power over all things. **96)** For those who have taken the path of disbelief, the worldly life has been made attractive. **97)** All the prophets and divine messages emphasize monotheism and forbid associating partners with Allah. **98)** All Prophets acknowledged they do not possess Allah's treasures, nor realm of unseen, and neither are they angels. **99)** When judgement is passed on a nation, except the believers, no one is spared, not even the nearest kin of a Prophet. **100)** Believers! Do not be unfaithful to Allah and the Messenger, nor be knowingly unfaithful to your trusts.

101) Allah said that from time to time He would send guidance for humanity, whoever follows it would prosper in the Hereafter. **102)** It has been made clear to them that just as the caliphate of man was established against the wishes of Satan, so the prophethood of Muhammad(SAW) would be established against the wishes of the leaders of Quraish (Allah's Omnipotence). **103)** Paradise will be attained in the Hereafter based on faith and deeds, and not based on affiliation with a particular family, tribe, or sect. **104)** Being the progenies of the prophets, or higher cast or creed does not guarantee salvation in the Hereafter. **105)** They ask you to hasten the punishment. Allah shall most certainly not fail His promise; but a Day with your Lord is as a thousand years of your reckoning (22:47). **106)** When difference of opinion arises in the religion, Allah sends a prophet to give glad tidings to those who follow the right way and to warn those who deviated. **107)** Verily it is a great source of eminence for you and your people, and soon you will be called to account concerning that. **108)** Recite the Quran and establish Prayers. Surely Prayers restrains from indecent and evil acts, and the remembrance of Allah is a thing even greater than this; Allah knows all that you do. **109)** In fact,

We have made you all a means of test for one another. Will you show patience, for your Lord sees everything. **110)** Have faith in Allah, His messenger and the Book revealed, so that you may be guided aright.

111) O Prophet^(SAW), We narrated to you the tidings of the past, and have bestowed upon you an admonition (the Quran), revealed it in Arabic and have expounded in it warnings in diverse ways so that they may avoid evil and be heedful. **112)** All the prophets were mere humans, yet they possessed highest morals. Those who believe and do righteous deeds, there is forgiveness and sustenance of honor. And those who try to belittle Allah's verses are dwellers of Hellfire. **113)** He also does this so that those endowed with knowledge may know that it is the Truth from their Lord, so that they may have faith in it and their hearts may humble themselves before Him. **114)** For every people We have prescribed a way of worship which they follow. So, let them not dispute with you concerning this, whereas call them to the way of Your Lord. **115)** O Prophet, good and evil are not equal. Repel evil with that is good. You will see that he, with whom you had enmity, has become your closest friend. But none attains this level except those who endure with patience, and none can attain to this rank except those who are steadfast. And if you are prompted by a provocation from Satan, seek refuge in Allah. He, and He alone, is All-Hearing, All- Knowing. **116)** We indeed guided Moses^(AS) and made the Children of Israel the inheritors of the Book, **which was guidance and a reminder for the men of understanding.** **117)** When We make the people taste Our Mercy, they exult at it; and when an affliction befalls them on account of their own misdeeds, they grow despondent. Surely in this there are Signs for those who believe. **118)** O Prophet, you can only warn those who fear their Lord without seeing Him and establish the Prayer. Whoever purifies himself does so for his own good, and to Allah shall all return. **119)** Your allies are Allah, His Messenger, and those who believe, establish prayer, pay Zakat, and bow before Allah. **120)** Give charity before the Day where there shall be no buying or selling, where friendship and intercession will be of no avail.

121) God based the creation on truth, Satan and the devils have no power over human beings. **122)** The example of good and bad words is like a fruit tree with strong roots and a tree without roots. **123)** Enter Islam completely and do not follow in the footsteps of Satan, he is your open enemy. Satan commands you evil, immorality and polytheism. **124)** Enter Islam completely and do not follow in the footsteps of Satan, he is your open enemy. **125)** O you who have believed, do not approach prayer while you are intoxicated until you know what you are saying or in a state of janabah (intercourse), except those passing through a place of prayer, until you have washed your whole body. And if you are ill or on a journey or one of you comes from the place of relieving himself or you have contacted women and find no water, then seek clean earth and wipe over your faces and your hands with it (tayyumu). **126)** O man, do you not realize that you will be raised to life on a Great Day, a Day when humankind will stand before the Lord of the Universe? **127)** Reflecting on Allah's last scripture (the Quran), it emphasizes on the importance of preparing for the Hereafter as we must return to Him. It Highlights accountability for our actions and the necessity of living in obedience to Allah. True success lies in how well we prepare for the inevitable day of reckoning. **128)** Believers, do not profess that which you do not practice? It is most loathsome in the sight of Allah that you should profess what you do not practice. **129)** The Day of Gathering shall be the Day to determine mutual gains and losses. **130)** Believers, let your possessions and your offspring not make you negligent of Allah's remembrance. For whoso does that, they will be the losers.

131) Spend of what Allah has granted you by way of sustenance before death should come to any of you and he should say: "Lord, why did You not defer my return for a while so that I might give alms and be among the righteous?"

132) Believers, shall I direct you to a commerce that will deliver you from a grievous chastisement? Have faith in Allah and His Messenger and strive in the Way of Allah with your possessions and your lives. That is better for you if you only knew. He will forgive you your sins and will admit you

to Gardens beneath which rivers flow. He will lodge you in excellent mansions in the Gardens of eternity. That is the supreme triumph. **133)** Believers, guard yourselves and your kindred against a Fire whose fuel is human beings and stones, a Fire held in the charge of fierce and stern angels who never disobey what He has commanded them, and always do what they are bidden. **134)** Believers, turn to Allah in sincere repentance; maybe your Lord will expunge your evil deeds and admit you to the Gardens beneath which rivers flow. **135)** Blessed is He in Whose Hand is the dominion of the Universe, and Who has power over everything, Who created death and life that He might try you as to which of you is better in deed. **136)** Say (O Muhammad): "I am no more than a human being like you; one to whom revelation is made: 'Your Lord is the One and Only God.' Hence, whoever looks forward to meeting his Lord, let him do righteous works, and let him associate none with the worship of his Lord." **137)** **When a person's life term ends, Allah never grants him any respite.** **138)** Do not bestow favor to seek from others a greater return, just persevere for your Lord's sake. **139)** Seven major sins in Islam include associating partners with Allah, murder, practicing magic, neglecting Salah, not giving zakat (mandatory charity), not fasting during Ramadan, and disrespecting parents. Each sin has serious consequences in this life and the Hereafter. Understanding these prohibitions helps Muslims strive for a life pleasing to Allah while seeking forgiveness and guidance. **139)** Whoever does good will do so for himself, and whoever does evil will himself bear its burden. **140)** We created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them for a purpose and for an appointed term. Yet the disbelievers continue to ignore the warnings. **141)** We have created you. Then why don't you confirm? Have you ever considered the sperm drop that you emit? Is it you who create the child from it, or are We the Creators? **142)** Allah does not like those who are arrogant and boastful, those who are stingy and encourage others to be stingy. **143)** Allah does not like those who are arrogant and boastful, those who are stingy and encourage others to be stingy. **144)** O you who believe! Why do you say what you do not do? It is most hateful to Allah that you say what you do not do. **145)** Whoever believes in Allah and does good works, Allah shall shake

off his sins and will admit him into Gardens, underneath which canals will be flowing, to dwell therein forever.

Warnings

1) If a nation becomes apostate, Allah will bring forth in their place, a people He will love and who will love Him. **2)** The day is approaching near where every soul shall be held accountable for his good and bad deeds. **3)** Allah warns that He first tests the nations with calamities and then with favors and destroys those who do not repent (like Pharaoh) and replaces them with others. **4)** Those who deny the signs, chastisement is their fate. **5)** If you follow the majority, they will misguide you, because they only follow guesses and assumptions. **6)** On Judgment Day, Allah will call to account the messengers and the nations to whom they were sent. **7)** (O Muhammad), warn them of the coming of a Day when We shall bring forth a witness against them from each community and We shall bring you forth as a witness against them all; (and it is for that purpose that) We sent down the Book to you which makes everything clear, and serves as a guidance and mercy and glad tidings to those who have submitted to Allah. **8)** Those who reject will be losers in the Hereafter. **9)** Hell is a prison for those who are ungrateful of Allah's bounties. **10)** Every living being shall taste death and We shall subject you to ill and good by way of trial, and to Us all of you shall eventually return.

11) Fear Allah before abstract age where memory fades. **12)** Whoever thinks that Allah will not help Muhammad(SAW) in this world and the Hereafter, he should reach up to the sky with a rope and make a crack, then see if his contrivance can reject anything that which enrages him. **13)** On the Day of Judgment, Allah will judge among those who believe, and those who became Jews, and Sabaeans, and Christians, and Magians, (sunni, shia, brelvi, deobandi, alehadis etc.) and those who associate others with Him in His Divinity. **14)** Whoever follows the Quran will be guided, and whoever differs after clear guidance and divides religion into sects, for him is a painful chastisement. **15)** Man is such that when an

affliction touches him, he calls upon Us, and when We bestow Our favour on him, he says, "I have been given this because of my knowledge!" Nay, it is a trial, but most of them do not know. **16)** And who could be more wicked than the one who is admonished by the verses of his Lord, and yet he turns away from them? We shall certainly take vengeance on such criminals. **17)** Those who disdain My worship on account of pride, shall enter Hell, disgraced. **18)** Never enjoin anyone with the Lord. **19)** Surely, We shall fully apprise the un-believers of what they have done, and We shall certainly make them taste a severe chastisement. **20)** The fact of the matter is that they doubt My "Admonition", they say this because they have not yet tasted My punishment.

21) On the Day when Allah will muster all men together, it will become evident that those who rejected life after death are utter losers. **22)** Those who disbelieve despite the clear signs are deaf and dumb, chastisement is their destiny. **23)** Even if they have twice as much wealth as the world, they will not be able to redeem themselves from chastisement. They will be subjected to a severe reckoning and Hell shall be their abode. **24)** Allah says, when He decides to make a people suffer punishment, no one can avert it. Nor can anyone be of help to such a people against Allah. **25)** Do not set up any god with Allah lest you will be rendered humiliated and helpless. **26)** O people, avoid the wrath of your Lord, and dread the Day when no father will stand for his child, nor any child stand for his father. Surely Allah's promise is true. So let the life of this world not deceive you, nor let the deluder (Satan) delude you about Allah. **27)** We are warned not to fall in Satan's trap like the Jews. **28)** Whenever the skin of the dwellers of the Hellfire is burned out, it will be replaced by new skin, so that they taste the full chastisement. **29)** Allah does not punish any people until He sends a messenger to distinct the Truth from falsehood. When the well-off people of a habitation become disobedient, Allah destroys it. **30)** The chastisement of Hell awaits those who disbelieve in their Lord. What a wretched destination! When they will be cast into it, they will hear it roar as it boils, as

though it will burst with rage. Every time a multitude is cast into it, its keepers will ask them: “Did no warner come to you?”

31) As human beings are endowed with intellect and authority, they are accountable for their actions. **32)** Those who give the lie to the Reward and Punishment of the Hereafter, are the one who repulses the orphans away and do not urge the feeding of the needy. **33)** It warns against the Day when no one shall avail anyone anything; nor will any intercession be of any use, nor be acquitted for any ransom, nor the guilty one helped from any quarter. **34)** Superstition plays an important role in deviating from the rules of Shariah and the Book of Allah. **35)** Those who try to impress people with their piety, when in power become tyrants. **36)** Those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah, the same will be heated in the fire of Hell and their backs and foreheads will be branded with it. **37)** As for him who is heedless of remembering the Most Merciful, We appoint for him a satanic jinn as a companion, and this companion hinders him from the right path, though he consider himself guided. **38)** None of the saints whom people have associated with Allah in His divinity will intercede for them. Rather, they will deny their polytheism. **39)** For those who have taken the path of disbelief, the worldly life has been made attractive. **40)** Woe, to those who pray, but are heedless in their Prayers, those who do good to be seen and deny people the articles of common necessity.

41) If your fathers, brothers, sons, and wives, near of kin, the wealth acquired, the trade, and the homes which delight you are dearer to you than struggling in Allah’s Way, then wait till He passes His judgment on you. **42)** Eat and drink without going to excesses. **43)** Not an atom’s weight of anything is hidden from Him in the heavens or the earth, nor anything smaller or larger than that, but is recorded in a Clear Register. **44)** O Prophet, those who possess the knowledge know well that whatever has been revealed to you from your Lord, is the Truth, and it guides to the Way of the Almighty, the All-Praiseworthy. **45)** O Prophet ask them, “Who provides you sustenance from the Heavens and the earth?”

Say, "Allah! Only one of us is on the Right Way and the other on manifest error." **46)** Everyone is bound to taste death and you shall receive your full reward on the Day of Resurrection. Then, whoever is spared the Fire and is admitted to Paradise has indeed been successful. The life of this world is merely an illusory enjoyment (3:185). **47)** Cursed are those who conceal the clear teachings of Allah. **48)** Allah sends down severe punishment on those who buy misguidance in return for Allah's guidance. **49)** Allah inflicts severe chastisement on the people who exchange His favors with wretchedness. **50)** The satanic devils are the guardians of those who do not believe.

51) Allah does not change the favors bestowed upon a people until they changed their moral attitude. **52)** Example of the one who rejects the signs and follows his desires is like that of a dog who lolls out his tongue whether you attack him or leave him alone (is never satisfied). **53)** On the Day of Resurrection neither your blood-kindred nor your own offspring will avail you. (On that Day) He will separate you. Allah sees all that you do. **54)** They seek to extinguish Allah's light (by blowing) with their mouths, but Allah shall spread His light (knowledge of the Quran) in all its fullness, howsoever the unbelievers may abhor this. **55)** On the Day of Judgment, every person will be given his book, which contains detailed record of all his actions. Believers will be judged with mercy, while disbelievers face severe consequences. Those who argue about their actions will suffer. Ultimately, Allah will cover the sins of those who were ashamed of them, leading to their salvation, and entry into Paradise. **56)** Seven major sins in Islam include associating partners with Allah, murder, practicing magic, neglecting Salah, not giving zakat, not fasting during Ramadan, and disrespecting parents. Each sin has serious consequences in this life and the Hereafter. **57)** Why do you forbid what Allah has made lawful for you? **58)** Indeed, Allah will neither forgive those who denied the truth and took to wrongdoing (injustice), nor will He show them any other way, save that of Hell wherein they will abide. **59)** Who is more wicked than the man who, when he is reminded by the

revelations of his Lord, turns away from them and forgets (the consequence of) the deeds wrought by his own hands?

60) The one who belies the rewards and punishments of the Hereafter? He it is who drives away the orphan and does not urge giving away the food of the poor. Then woe to the praying ones, who are careless of their Prayer, who do good to be seen, and withhold small kindnesses (from the people). Further says: By the Time! Man is surely in loss, except those who believed and did good works, and exhorted one another to Truth, and patience.

61) Whatever misfortune befalls you; it is because of what your hands (humans) have earned, although much of it He forgives. **62)** O you who have believed, let not your possessions and your children distract you from the remembrance of Allah. Those who do so shall indeed be the losers. **63)** O you who have believed, save yourselves and your households from a Fire whose fuel shall be the men and the stone. **64)** We have warned you of the torment which is near at hand. The Day when man will see all that his hands have sent forward, and the disbeliever will cry out: "Would that I was mere dust!" **65)** Woe to those who give short weight, who, when they take by measure from others, take it fully, and when they measure or weigh for them, they give them less than what is due. Do they not think that they will be raised up again on a Great Day? The Day when all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds. **66)** Verily, man is ungrateful to his Lord, and he himself is a witness to it, and he loves the worldly wealth with all his heart. But does he not know the time when all that lies (buried) in the graves shall be brought out, and all that lies (hidden) in the breasts shall be divulged and examined? By the Time! Man is surely in loss, except those who believed and did good works, and exhorted one another to Truth, and exhorted one another to patience. **67)** Doomed to ruin is every such person who slanders others in their face and backbites them habitually, who gathers wealth and counts it repeatedly. He thinks that his wealth will remain with him forever. Nay, never! He will be cast into the crushing place. And what do you know what the crushing place is? It is the Fire of Allah, kindled brightly, which shall rise up to the hearts. It

will be covered down on them (in a way that) they shall be (enclosed) by tall columns.

Ponder on The Verses

1) Has there also passed on man a period of the endless time when he was not yet a thing worthy of mention? Indeed, We created man from a mixed sperm drop, to try him, and therefore We made him capable of hearing and seeing. We showed him the way, whether to be grateful or disbelieving. Does man think that he will be left alone, unquestioned? Was he not a drop of ejaculated semen (in the mother's womb), then he became a clot, and then Allah made it into a living body and proportioned its parts, and then He made of him a pair, male and female? Does He, then, not have the power to bring back the dead to life? Can those who know and those who do not know ever be equal? **Only men of understanding accept the admonition.** **2)** O people, a parable is set forth: pay heed to it. Those who call upon aught other than Allah shall never be able to create even a fly, even if all of them were to come together to do that. And if the fly were to snatch away anything from them, they would not be able to recover that from it. Powerless is the supplicant; and powerless is he to whom he supplicates (22:73). **3)** What is harder to create, humans or the entire Universe? **4)** Have you not observed how Allah by His command has subjected for you all that is on earth, and the ships that navigate the sea? It is He who restrains the sky from falling to the earth. **5)** Having given the Book to Moses(AS), doubt should not exist that Muhammad(SAW) also received it. We had made that Book a guidance for the children of Israel. When they exhibited patience and faith in Our Revelations, We raised leaders among them who guided the people by Our Command. **6)** When they see any sign, they mock it, and say, this is plain sorcery. Is it possible that when we are dead and become dust and a cage of bones, we will be raised to life? And will our ancestors be resurrected in the same way? Tell them, yes, and that you are helpless against Allah. **7)** Allah does not need your belief, but He disapproves of disbelief among His

servants. Conversely, He likes gratitude. **8)** We did not create the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them in vain. This notion belongs to disbelievers, who will face punishment in the Hereafter. Consider this: Should We treat the righteous believers the same as those who spread corruption on earth? Or treat the God-fearing the same as the wicked? **9)** Whose conduct is better: **non-believers, hypocrites, polytheists**, or the ones who faithfully worships Allah, spends part of his nights in prayer and prostration, fears the Hereafter, and hopes for God's mercy? **10)** You have no supporter, helper, or intercessor except Him. Will you not then take heed?

11) Allah will judge justly, while those invoked beside Him have no power to judge. **12)** It is Allah who created the night for your repose and the day to shine. This same Allah, your Lord, and the Creator of all. From whence then are you being deluded? **13)** Surely the creation of the heavens and the earth is a greater task than the creation of man. **14)** Never can the blind and the seeing be equal, nor can the believing and righteous men be equal to the wicked. **15)** Among His Signs are the night, the day, the sun, and the moon. Do not bow to the sun or the moon; instead, prostrate to Allah, who created them. **16)** It is not in the power of any messenger to bring any sign without Allah's leave. **17)** Your Lord does not wrong His servants. Man wearies not of praying for good, but when calamity befalls him, he despairs and loses hope. **18)** They say, "When we become bones and dust, will we truly be raised as a new creation?" Tell them, "You will be resurrected even if you turn to stone, iron, or any form you deem hardest to recreate." They will ask, "Who will bring us back to life?" Say, "He who created you in the first place." They will shake their heads and inquire, "When will that be?" Say, "Perhaps that time is near; on the Day He calls you, you will rise, praising Him in response, and you will say that you laid in this state only for a while." **19)** Do they not ponder in the Quran? Had it been from any other than Allah, they would surely have found inconsistencies in it. This Negates the saying that Muhammad^(SAW) invented it. **20)** Allah is very close to his servant, when they call on Him, He hears their

prayers and answers them. So, whosoever believes in Him and obeys Him, will find the right way.

21) Muslim means submission to the will of Allah. **22)** Just as water foams at the time of a flood, and then disappears, in the same way, falsehood is like foam that disappears. **23)** As the water cycle revives barren land, so too will Allah revive you. **24)** Cattles provide milk to drink out of that which is in their bellies between the dung and the blood. **25)** From date-palm and vines comes both intoxicant and pure drink. **26)** Bees establish hives in mountains, trees, and trellises, collect nectar from diverse flowers, and produce colorful honey with healing properties in their belly. **27)** There are signs in early death, abject old age with memory loss. **28)** Can a man share his wealth with his slaves to make them equal to him? Can a slave, who possesses nothing and holds no power, be equal to someone whom Allah has blessed with provisions to spend freely on charity? Can a deaf and mute person, incapable of proper action, be compared to one who advocates for justice and follows the Right Way? **29)** Man is born knowing nothing, but Allah has given him ears, eyes, and a thinking mind to reflect and express gratitude. Consider how the birds soar in the sky, this holds many signs for those who believe. **30)** All the prophets expressed their disgust for the false deities their people associated with Allah, yet their people refused to abandon their false deities.

31) Anything that sets or dies can they be called upon?

32) Allah tells the Prophet_(SAW) to declare, that he does not have power to benefit or harm himself except as Allah pleases. If he had the knowledge of the unseen, he would have amassed all kinds of good, and no evil would have ever touched him. He is merely a warner and the herald of glad tidings to those who believe (then can anyone else have these powers?). **33)** People worshiped deities beside Allah, those who can neither harm nor profit them, and yet they assumed that they are their intercessors with Allah. Allah logically rejects it by asking, “will they inform Allah of something regarding whose existence in the heavens or on the earth He is unaware of”? What would they recommend? This is denying His attribute of All-knowing and being All-Just. **34)**

Tell them also, that you do not serve those whom they serve beside Allah, you serve that Allah Who causes death. And that you have been commanded to adhere exclusively and sincerely to the true faith, and not to be one of those who associate others with Allah in His divinity, who have no power to benefit or hurt anyone. And say: If I call upon others than Allah I will be reckoned among the wrong doers. If Allah afflicts me with any hardship, none other can remove it; and if He wills any good for me, none can avert it. Allah says, tell the people: Truth has come to you from your Lord, whosoever follows the guidance does so for his own good; and whosoever strays, his straying will be to his own hurt. I am no custodian over you. **35)** It is not our business to associate anyone with Allah. While in fact it is the grace of Allah on all human beings that He has not made us slaves of anyone but Himself, but most people do not understand and do not give thanks. Think whether many different lords are better or one God who is omnipotent? Other than that, those whom you worship are nothing but names which you and your fathers have invented. Allah has not sent down any authority for them. **36)** Allah tells the Prophet_(SAW) to ask the polytheists to invoke all their false deities to scheme against him and grant him no respite, his guardian is Allah, the Protector of the righteous (should we worry about magic etc. no). **37)** The polytheists have always challenged the prophets to hasten the torment upon them, although, the remnants of nations who faced exemplary punishment are scattered all around. Those who dismissed the Quran as ancient fables and sought Allah's punishment were told by the Prophet that only Allah can bring about Doomsday; if he had the power, the matter would have long been settled. Angels descend only when a nation is to be destroyed. These deniers did not believe in resurrection after death, and by rejecting the truth, they invited their own ruin. They say had Allah willed, neither we nor our forefathers would have associated others with Allah, nor declared anything forbidden which Allah allowed (He willed free will). **38)** Allah indirectly warns us: O Muhammad, accept the truth that has come to you from your Lord, and not to emulate those who doubt it or deny His

signs, else you shall be in utter loss. **39)** If the blind and the seeing cannot be equal, nor can light and darkness be equal, then what deceived them that they began to associate others in Allah's divinity, those who are invoked besides Allah are themselves helpless and powerless, they have no control over their own gain or loss, nor can they answer their prayers. **40)** Allah created everything; thus, the Creator and the creation can never be equal. Supplicating to others besides Allah is like a man who stretches out his hand towards the water and asks it to reach his mouth, although the water does not have the power to reach his mouth. Taking them as patrons is as if taking the house of spider as residence (see miracle of Quran).

41) Even the Prophet^(SAW) does not have the power to bring the scourge, nor has the knowledge of the hour, nor is he knower of the unseen. Those who invoke others beside Allah, follow nothing but conjectures and falsehood, and ascribe false things to Allah without knowledge. **42)** See then the tokens of Allah's Mercy, how He revives the earth after it is dead. Likewise, He will revive the dead to life. **43)** Of His Signs is this that He has created you from dust; then behold, you are men who are multiplying in the earth. And of His Signs is that He has created mates for you from your own kind that you may find peace in them, and He has set between you love and mercy. Surely there are Signs in this for those who reflect. **44)** O Prophet, tell them, "Have you ever consider, if this Quran is indeed from Allah and you still deny it, who can be in greater error than he who goes far in fiercely opposing it"? **45)** Haven't they roamed the earth so that their hearts might understand, and their ears might listen? **Because the eyes are not blind. Rather, the hearts in the breasts are blind** (scientific fact). Tell them that you have been sent to them only as a warner before the Doom strikes them. **46)** And of His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your tongues and colors. **Indeed, there are Signs in this for the wise.** **47)** And of His Signs is your sleeping at night and seeking His Bounty during the day. **Indeed, there are Signs in this for those who hearken.** **48)** And of His Signs is that He shows you lightning, arousing both fear and hope, and sends down water from the sky and

revives the earth after it is dead. **Indeed, there are Signs in this for those who use their reason. 49)** And of his Signs is this that the Heaven and the Earth stand firm by His Command, then as soon as He summons you out of the earth, you shall come out at one call. To Him belong all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. All are in obedience to Him. He it is Who originates the creation; then He alone will repeat it, and this is easier for Him. **50)** He draws out a comparison for you from your own selves: Are there among the slaves that you possess any such slaves also who may be sharing with you equally the wealth that We have given you, and you fear them as you fear one another among yourselves? **Thus, do We make plain the Signs for those who use reason.**

51) Do they not look at the earth, when We send down rain upon the barren land, it quivers and swells and sprouts all kinds of vegetation. This illustrates that Allah is the Truth; He will revive the dead and has power over all things. The Quran serves as a reminder that the Hour of Resurrection is certain to come. **And We shall surely resurrect those who are lying in the graves. 52)** Indeed, We offered the trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they refused to bear it and were afraid of it, **but man carried it. Surely, he is wrong-doing and ignorant.** The consequence of carrying the trust is, that Allah should Punish the hypocritical men and women and polytheistic men and women and accept the repentance of the believing men and women. For Allah is indeed All-Forgiving and Most Merciful. **53)** It is He Who gives life and causes death, and He holds mastery over the alternation of night and day. Do you not understand? **54)** Have you ever considered the case of the person who has made his desire his god? Can you take the responsibility of guiding such a one aright? **55)** Can the person to whom We have made a good promise, which he would certainly obtain, be ever like the one whom We have only given the provisions of the worldly life and who, on the Day of Judgment, would be presented for punishment? **56)** O Prophet, tell them, "Have you ever considered that if Allah were to make the night perpetual for you till the Day of Resurrection, which deity,

besides Allah, would bring you light? **Don't you hear?"** Ask them, "Have you ever considered that if Allah should make the day perpetual for you, till the Day of Resurrection, which deity, besides Allah, would bring you the night so that you may repose in it? **Don't you ponder?"** **57)** Just consider who is better: he who will be cast into the Fire, or he who comes secure on the Day of Resurrection? **58)** Ponder in the fate of those who have gone before? They were more in number and stronger-in might and have left behind more splendid traces in the land. When they saw Our scourge, they cried out, "We now believe in Allah, the only One, and we reject all those gods whom we used to associate in His divinity." But after having seen Our scourge, their believing did not avail them. That is Allah's Way concerning His servants. And the unbelievers courted utter loss. **59)** Say, "The Truth has come, and falsehood cannot succeed whatever it may do." Say: "If I am astray then the hurt of straying will be upon me. But if I am rightly guided, it is only because of the revelation that my Lord makes to me. He is All-Hearing, Ever Near".

60) Their parable is that of Satan when he says to man: "Disbelieve," but when he disbelieves, he says: "I am quit of you. Verily I fear Allah, the Lord of the Universe." **61)** Whatever (from bounty of war) Allah has bestowed on His Messenger belongs to Allah, and to the Messenger, and to his kinsfolk, and to the orphans, and to the needy, and to the wayfarer so that it may not merely circulate between the rich among you (59:7). **62)** O Prophet, propound to them the parable of the present life: it is like the vegetation of the earth which flourished luxuriantly when it mingled with the water that We sent down from the sky, but later that the same vegetation turned into stubble which the winds blew about. Allah alone has the power over all things. Wealth and children are an adornment of the life of the world. But the deeds of lasting righteousness are the best in the sight of your Lord in reward, and far better a source of hope. **63)** And recall when We said to the angels: "Prostrate yourselves before Adam"; all of them fell prostrate, except Iblis. He was of the jinn and so disobeyed the command of his Lord. Will you, then, take him and his progeny as your guardians rather than Me although

they are your open enemies? What an evil substitute are these wrong doers taking! **64)** Allah has set forth for the unbelievers the parable of the wives of Noah and Lot. They were wedded to two of Our righteous servants, but each acted treacherously with her husband, and their husbands could be of no avail to them against Allah. The two of them were told: “Enter the Fire with all the others who enter it.” **65)** Allah has set forth for the believers the parable of Pharaoh's wife. She prayed: “My Lord, build for me a house with You in Paradise and deliver me from Pharaoh and his misdeeds; and deliver me from the iniquitous people.” **66)** Who shall provide for you if He withholds His sustenance? None; Who is better guided: he who walks groveling on his face, or he who walks upright on a Straight Path? Say: “He it is Who has brought you into being, and has given you hearing and sight, and has given you hearts to think and understand. How seldom do you give thanks!” **67)** Say to them: “Did you even consider: if all the water that you have (in the wells) were to sink down into the depths of the earth, who will produce for you clear, flowing water?” Say to them: “Did you ever consider: whether Allah destroys me and those that are with me, or shows mercy to us, who can protect the unbelievers from a grievous chastisement?” **68)** O Prophet tell them that “I call on my Lord alone, and do not associate aught with Him in His Divinity, and that neither it is in my power to hurt anyone, nor to bring them to the Right Way, and none can protect me from Him, nor can I find a refuge apart from Him. My task is only to deliver Allah's messages. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger, surely the Fire of Hell awaits him; wherein he will abide in perpetuity” (72:20-23). **69)** O Muslims, when the people of Hell are asked what brought them to Hell, they will answer that we were not among those who prayed, did not feed the poor, and were occupied with idle talk. We denied the Day of Judgment, and when the inevitable happened, even the intercession of the intercessors will not avail them. **70)** Here is the parable of Paradise which the God-fearing have been promised: in it shall be rivers of incorruptible water, rivers of milk unchanging in taste, and rivers of wine, a delight to those that drink; and rivers of pure

honey. In it they will have every kind of fruit as well as forgiveness from their Lord. Can such be like those who will abide in the Fire and will be given a boiling water to drink that will tear their bowels apart?

71) If you think you are subject to nobody, and you deem you are right in thinking so, then why don't you restore to the dying person his soul when it has come up to the throat and you are helplessly watching that he is at the point of death? At that time, We are closer to him than you, but you do not see Us. **72)** Know it well that the life of this world is nothing but a sport and pastime, and a show and boasting among yourselves and a rivalry in wealth and children. **73)** Allah does not love those who are arrogant and boastful, who are stingy and urge others to be stingy. **74)** O man, what has beguiled you concerning your Lord, the gracious, Who created you, fashioned you, proportioned you, and put you together in whatever form He pleased? Indeed not! But (the fact is that) you (O men) deny (the meting out of) rewards and punishments, although watchers have been appointed over you, honourable scribes, who know whatever you do. **75)** As for man, when his Lord tests him by exalting him and bestowing His bounties upon him, he says: "My Lord has exalted me." But when He tests him by straitening his sustenance, he says: "My Lord has humiliated me." **Indeed not! But you do not treat the orphan with respect, and you do not urge one another to feed the poor, and you devour the whole inheritance greedily, and you love the wealth with all your hearts.** **76)** O man, your endeavours are for different ends. So, he who gave wealth in God's Way and avoided His disobedience, and believed in goodness, for him We shall facilitate the easy way. As for him who was niggardly and lived as though he was independent of God and belied goodness, for him We shall facilitate the hard way. And what will his wealth avail him when he perishes? **77)** Have you seen him who belies the rewards and punishments of the Hereafter? He it is who drives away the orphan and does not urge giving away the food of the poor. Then woe to the praying ones, who are careless of their Prayer, who do good to be seen, and withhold small kindnesses from the people.

Lessons

1) Allah's promise is true. Don't let the worldly life or Satan deceive you about Allah. 2) **If Muhammad^(SAW) cannot make the people of the graves hear him. How can people talk to them.** 3) Allah creates His creations as He desires. 4) Truth will certainly succeed over falsehood. 5) None can stop mercy of Allah. 6) Allah's plan cannot be changed or altered. Allah gives time to people to repent. 7) If Allah were to seize the people for their misdeeds, no one would be left alive on the earth. 8) Satan is your enemy, so treat him as such. He leads his followers to Hell. 9) The fact is **that only those of His servants, who possess knowledge, fear Allah.** 10) There is no creator besides Allah, then from where you are being deceived.

11) Allah's scriptures totally deny polytheism. 12) After death there is no turning back, so mend your ways according to the Quran. 13) Those who are obstinate and do not act with reason are the ones who reject the Admonishing. 14) The story of Moses, Pharaoh and the salvation of the Israelites tells us that those who are steadfast in the way of Allah are successful in this world and the Hereafter. 15) The story of Abraham and his argument against the idolaters tells us that those who call on other besides Allah, are the dwellers of the Hellfire. 16) Apart from Allah, these false deities cannot listen to you, nor can they help anyone, they are incapable of helping themselves. 17) Idol worshippers, the seducers, and the soldiers of Satan will be toppled into the Hellfire. 18) If the Prophet also invokes other than Allah, he will go to hell. 19) Homosexuality is forbidden. 20) Give full measure and do not cheat. Weigh with the right scales.

21) Magic is nothing but deception. 22) No one will avail anyone in the Hereafter. When they are told, "Follow what Allah has revealed," they say, "We will only follow that which we found our forefathers following." Will they follow them even though Satan might be calling them to the torment of Blazing Fire? 23) The disbelievers say, "The Hour will never come upon us?" Say, "By my Lord the Knower of the Unseen, it will certainly come upon you. As for those who

strive to discredit Our Revelations, for them is a painful torment of the worst kind. **24)** No compulsion in religion. **25)** On Judgment Day, there will be no guarantors or intercessors. **26)** Polytheism is the most heinous crime. **27)** On Judgment Day the preachers of polytheism will disavow their followers. **28)** Reward is for good character, lucidity, and patience. **29)** Bring unity in religion by following the Quran and the Sunnah. **30)** Consider the signs in the universe and the signs around us, we will find God. **31)** Fulfiller of all needs is only Allah. **32)** If man does not make his slaves equal to him, why should Allah? Will anyone ask a beggar? **33)** Sectarianism is a sign of blind imitation.

Muhammad^(SAW)

Allah calls out to the humanity and says: It is He who sent among the Gentiles a Messenger from among them who recites His verses, purifies their lives, and teaches them the Book and wisdom, even though before that they were in ignorance. He is from among you, he grieves at your spiritual loss and is greedily anxious for your true success. He is gentle and compassionate for the believers. **We have sent Muhammad^(SAW) to the entire mankind as a bearer of good news and a warner, but most people do not know.** He^(SAW) is a Messenger and a witness over you, just as We had sent a Messenger to Pharaoh. He^(SAW) enjoins what is right and forbids what is wrong, he makes pure things lawful and unclean things unlawful. O People Mohammed is not the father of any of your men but is the **Messenger of Allah and the seal of the Prophets.** Today Allah's mercy is for those who follow Muhammad^(SAW), who is mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel, and is also present in the scriptures of the previous people. **Is it not a Sign for them that the scholars of the Children of Israel recognized it?** Even though the teachings of the previous scriptures had come to them, they still did not listen to you (except for a few most do not know what their scriptures say). **And do not argue with the people of the Book except in the best manner, save those who are utterly unjust among them and say to them, "We have**

believed in what has been sent down to us and in what had been revealed to you. Our Lord and your Lord is One, and to Him we have surrendered. Tell them, that you have been commanded to worship the Lord of this City, Who has sanctified it and is the Owner of everything. And that you have been commanded to live as a Muslim and to convey the message of the Quran to the people. If people turn away from him_(SAW), then Allah suffices for him, there is no god but He. So those who believe in him_(SAW), support him and help him, and follow the teachings of the Quran, they will prosper. Those who follow guidance do so for their own benefit, while those who go astray, tell them O Prophet that you are merely a warner. Rest assured that the One who has ordained this Quran for you will surely bring you to the best outcome.

Allah tells him: Let there be no impediment in your heart about the Quran, it was revealed to warn the unbelievers and admonish the believers. This Quran has been revealed to you by the Most Mighty, the Most Merciful Lord, so that you may warn those whose forefathers had no warner, wherefore they are heedless. The disbelievers say, **why the entire Quran was not revealed to this person at the same time. This is because we wanted him_(SAW) to memorize it well. So, We have sent it down piecemeal by degrees. And wisdom in this is, whenever they brought to you an odd question, We sent its right answer to you in time and explained it all in the best manner.** O Prophet: We have sent down to you for all mankind this Book with the truth. Now whosoever adopts the right way, will do so for his own sake, and whosoever goes astray, will himself bear the burden of his deviation. We support Our Messengers and the believers in this world, and We will support them on the Day when the witnesses stand up. So, do not yield to the disbelievers but wage a Jihad against them with this Quran. This is an Admonition for all people of the world. Tell them, "I do not ask of you any recompense for this work, I only admonish the one, who wills to adopt the way of his Lord." O Prophet, perhaps you will lose your life because these people do not believe. If We will, We can send down upon them from heaven a sign, upon which their necks would be bowed in humility. Whatever

new admonition comes to them from the Most Merciful, they turn their backs at it. The Holy Spirit (Gabriel) recited the message to Muhammad, so that he may warn the people in clear Arabic language. **This is a highly blessed Book, which We have sent down to you O Mohammed, so that the people may ponder over its verses and the men of understanding may learn lessons from it.** We have not taught this Prophet poetry, nor does poetry behoove him. This is only an Admonition and a lucid Book, so that he may warn the living, **and charge is established against the disbelievers.**

Allah transported Muhammad(SAW) by night from Makkah to Mount Temple, to show him some of His signs. Quran calls on the Israelites to believe in the prophethood of Mohammed(SAW), about which their own scriptures clearly testify. They were also reminded of the covenant mentioned in the Torah in which they were to outdo each other to support and help the mission of Muhammad(SAW). There is no hindrance to the Prophet in any work that Allah has ordained for him. This has been the Way of Allah in the case of all the Prophets who have passed before, and Allah's Command has been firmly decreed. **This is Allah's Way regarding those who deliver the Messages of Allah and who fear Him, and fear no one else than Allah.**

O Muhammad, you are only responsible to convey the Message of truth. **So, do not pay attention to the polytheists who make fun of you and take others as gods besides Allah.** All the prophets were best of humans, yet they are neither all present, nor are they doer deities. Can anyone else be? **Muhammad is no more than a messenger, and many messengers have passed before him. If then, he was to die or be slain, will you turn about on your heels?** Tells the Prophet(SAW): We have sent you as a witness, a bearer of good news, a warner, a caller to the Way of Allah, and a guiding light. Give good news to the believers that there are great bounties in store for them from Allah. So do not yield to the disbelievers and the hypocrites due to their persecution and put your trust in Allah. For Allah is sufficient as a Trustee of

Affairs. The Prophet_(SAW) was told to recite the Quran to the people.

Allah consoles the Prophet and tells him that all the prophets have been ridiculed since ancient times. And tells him_(SAW) not to grieve for those who persist in disbelief, instead, pay attention to the believers. If their words grieve you, glorify your Lord and prostrate before Him. He tells him that if they deny you, the people of Aad and Thamud, as well as Noah, Abraham, Lot, Moses, and the dwellers of Midian, also denied the Prophets before him. There was no Messenger or Prophet before you, when Satan did not try to mislead his people when he preached. Whatever disturbances Satan created, Allah kept erasing them and strengthening His verses. So put your trust in Allah, who is eternal and will never die. Glorify Him with His praise, for He is aware of all the sins of His servants.

Ponder about your companion (Muhammad_(SAW)): 1) Allah asks the people of Makkah to consider the fact that the Prophet_(SAW) lived amongst them for forty years, and you considered him to be truthful, honest and trustworthy. Then, when he admonished you with My verses, you started saying that he is insane. He_(SAW) is just a warner and a giver of glad tidings. 2) O Mohammed, you were not there when We gave Moses the Law on the western side, nor were you a witness. Many generations had passed since then. You were not among the Midianites to recite Our verses to them. We are informing you about these events. 3) Nor were you at Mount Sinai when We first called out to Moses. It is by your Lord's mercy that He provides you with this knowledge so that you can warn those to whom no warner had come before you. Perhaps they will take heed. 4) Upon receiving the Truth from Us, they questioned, "Why was he not given that which was given to Moses?" Have they not rejected that which was given to Moses before? They claimed that both were magicians supporting each other and denied both.

O Prophet, We are aware of what they say; and you are not required to force things on them. So, exhort with the Quran all those who fear My warning. Repel evil in the best manner.

And pray: "My Lord! I seek Your refuge from the suggestions of the evil ones (humans and devils); I even seek Your refuge, lest they should approach me". Say: "My Lord, forgive us and have mercy on us, for You are the Best of those that are merciful". **All the Messengers whom We sent before you also ate food and walked the streets.** O Prophet, in this very way We have made the criminals the enemies of every Prophet, but your Lord suffices for you as your Guide and Helper. Prophet, those on whom We had bestowed the Book before, believe in it, and many of the Arabs too believe in it. It is none but the utter unbelievers who deny Our Signs. O Prophet, let the unbelief of the unbeliever not grieve you.

Warns the Prophet(SAW): 1) O Prophet(SAW), be mindful of Allah, and do not yield to the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Follow what is revealed to you from your Lord. Surely Allah is All-Aware of what you do. And put your trust in Allah, for Allah is sufficient as a Guardian. **2)** And remember when We took a covenant from the prophets, as well as from you O Prophet(SAW), and from Noah(AS), Abraham(AS), Moses(AS), and Jesus(AS), son of Mary(AS). We took a solemn covenant from all of them so that We may question them about conveying of Our Message. **3)** Indirectly, Allah tells us that even if Muhammad(SAW) turned away from the Quran, he(SAW) would face double punishment in this world and in the Hereafter. He(SAW) asked his people, has he ever claimed to be anything more than a human Messenger. **4)** He was warned not to say about anything that he will do it tomorrow without saying Insha'Allah (if Allah wills). If you forget, say: "I hope that my Lord will guide me to something closer to righteousness." **5)** If the Prophet(SAW) changes it, he too would not escape the punishment of Allah. **6)** The Prophet(SAW) was warned not to seek the worldly adornment and splendors, nor follow the heedless who follow their own desires. **7)** O Mohammed(SAW), pray: "Lord, if You bring the scourge of which they had been warned in my presence, then do not include me among the wrongdoing people. **8)** Allah causes whomever He wills to hear, but you O Mohammed(SAW) you cannot make those buried in the graves hear you. You are only a warner. **9)** O Prophet, you

cannot guide whomever you please, but Allah guides whomever He wills. He knows best those who will accept guidance. **10)** You did not expect that the Book would be revealed to you. It is only by the Mercy of your Lord that it was sent down to you; so, do not be a supporter of the unbelievers. And never let it happen that when the verses of Allah are revealed to you, the disbelievers prevent you from them. **11)** Call people towards your Lord and do not be a polytheist, nor invoke any deity besides Allah. There is no deity but He. All will perish but He. Sovereignty is His, and to Him will all of you return. **12)** If I disobey my Lord, I fear the torment of a dreadful Day. I shall serve Allah alone, making my religion sincerely His (ie be a Muslim)". **13)** You and they are destined to die. **14)** I am forbidden to worship those whom you invoke besides Allah. How can I do this when clear proofs have come to me from my Lord? I have been commanded to submit to the Lord of all creation". **15)** Allah said to the Prophet(SAW): Do not incline towards the wrong-doers, otherwise you will be engulfed by the Hellfire, nor will you find any guardian who can save you from Him, nor will you be helped from any quarter. **16)** And do not make unlawful what is lawful for you.

Tell them: "I am only a warner. There is no deity but Allah, the One, the Supreme, the Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, the Mighty, the Forgiving." Say: "It is a tiding of importance, from which you are turning away". Tell them: "I do not ask you for any recompense for this for the performance of this task; nor am I an imposter. So, worship Allah alone, making your religion His exclusively. **Beware! Religion is exclusively Allah's right.** Tell them: "I am bidden to serve Allah, consecrating my devotion to Him, and I am bidden to be the first of those who surrender to Him. So, O Prophet, be patient, for Allah's promise is true. Seek forgiveness for your mistakes and exalt your Lord morning and evening with His praise. O Prophet, tell them, I am only a human being like you. It is revealed to me that your God is One God; so direct yourselves straight to Him and seek His forgiveness O Prophet, whatever is said to you is what was said to the Messengers before you. (O

Prophet,) you cannot make the dead hear you, nor can you make the deaf to hear your call, when they turn back in retreat, nor can you guide the blind out of their error. You can only make those hear your call, who believe in Our Revelations and have surrendered themselves to Us. So, (O Prophet,) have patience. Surely Allah's promise is true. and let those who lack certainty not cause you to be unsteady.

Bakhshaie ke liye sijday mein para rehta mera nabi

For our forgiveness our Prophet would lay prostrate
gar ki hoti itebaa nah hota kabhi dukhi mera nabi

Had I followed him, never would have the Prophet felt aggrieved
to bakhsh day maalik taakay aazurda nah ho mera nabi

So forgive me, Lord, so that my Prophet is not aggrieved
yom jaza rakh lena parda ke afsurdah nah ho mera nabi

On Judgment Day keep my record secret so that my Prophet is not saddened

What is Islam

Islam is an Arabic word that denotes submission, surrender, and obedience. As a religion, Islam stands for complete submission and obedience to Allah: that is why it is called Islam. The other literal meaning of the word "Islam" is "peace." This is an indication that only through obedience to Allah can a person attain true peace of mind and soul. Obedience to Allah not only brings peace to the heart but also real peace to the society at large.

The fundamental Islamic belief is that Allah created the entire universe and is its Lord and Sovereign and He is sustaining it. He created humans and assigned each person a fixed lifespan on Earth. Allah has provided a specific code of life for mankind, while granting individuals the freedom to choose whether to follow it. Those who embrace Allah's revealed code are called Muslims, while those who reject it are labelled disbelievers. The Quran says: *Such are the ones who believe (in the message of the Prophet) and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah. Surely in Allah's remembrance do hearts find rest. So those who believe (in the message of the Truth) and do good are destined for happiness and a blissful end (13:28-29).*

Muslim achieves spiritual peace by submitting to Allah and attains inner peace through harmonious coexistence with His creation. This involves acknowledging that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad^(SAW) is His final messenger. Key practices include performing obligatory prayers, paying zakat (alms), fasting during Ramadan, and making the pilgrimage to Kaaba if able. Islam is not a new religion; it is God's final revelation, reaffirms the messages of earlier revelations, a continuity of message of monotheism since Adam^(AS). Allah in the Quran says: He has prescribed for you the religion which He enjoined upon Noah and which We revealed to you (O Muhammad), and which We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus, commanding: "Establish this religion and do not split up regarding it." What you are calling to is very hard upon those who associate others with Allah in His Divinity. Allah chooses for Himself whomsoever He pleases and guides to Himself whoever penitently turns to Him (42:13).

Islam is a comprehensive way of life that centres on the belief in one God and adherence to His commandments. The essence of Islam encompasses faith in Allah, His angels, His scriptures, all His messengers, the Last Day, and the belief in divinely determined good and evil. It is the same message that was preached by all other Prophets of Allah, that showed man to the right path. But man, not only veered away from the right path again and again, either lost it, or distorted the message of guidance that the prophets preached. That was why other prophets were sent to restate the original message and guide man back to the right path. The last of these prophets was Muhammad, who presented Allah's guidance in its final form and arranged to preserve it for all time. It is this guidance that is now known as Islam. It is enshrined in the Quran and the life-example (Sunnah) of the Prophet.

Anyone can join the fold of Islam by honestly believing in and professing faith in the oneness of Allah and the prophet hood of Muhammad. Both beliefs are embedded in the kalimah (the article of faith): The first part of the kalimah

presents the concept of tawhid (the oneness of Allah) and its second part affirms the prophet hood of Muhammad.

Who is a Muslim?

Muslims are followers of Islam, a monotheistic religion rooted in Abrahamic traditions, with the Quran as its foundational text. They believe in the Oneness of Allah and reject associating any partners with Him. The Arabic term "Muslim" refers to one who has completely submitted to God. According to the Quran, a Muslim is anyone who fully surrenders to Allah, believes in His oneness, and does not lean towards polytheism. that is why, the Quran declares Prophet Abraham as a true Muslim; he was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but wholly devoted to God and free from polytheism, as were all the prophets. In summary, Muslims are those who submit to Allah, recognizing the Quran as His final guiding text.

A Muslim has always been someone who sincerely believed in the oneness of Allah and in current times acknowledges Muhammad^(SAW) as His final messenger. This belief shapes their relationship with Allah, humanity, and the world around them. The Quran says, O Prophet Say: “O People of the Book! Come to a word common between us and you: that we shall serve none but Allah and shall associate none with Him in His divinity and that some of us will not take others as lords beside Allah.” And if they turn their backs (from accepting this call), tell them: “Bear witness that we are the ones who have submitted ourselves exclusively to Allah” (3:64). As per the Quran the Muslim would say: “We believe in Allah, and in what has been revealed to us and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the descendants (of Jacob) and in what was given to Moses and Jesus and in what the other Prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are those who submit to Allah (2:136).” Similarly, the Quran says: And who is fairer in speech than he who calls to Allah and acts righteously and says: “I am a Muslim” (41:33)? Further the Quran says: Strive in the cause of Allah in a manner worthy of that striving. He has chosen you (for His task), and He has not laid upon you any

hardship in religion. Keep to the faith of your father Abraham. Allah named you Muslims earlier and even in this (Book), that the Messenger may be a witness over you, and that you may be witnesses over all mankind. So, establish Prayer, and pay Zakah, and hold fast to Allah. He is your Protector. What an excellent Protector; what an excellent Helper! (22:78). Moses said: "My people! If you believe in Allah and are truly Muslims, then place your reliance on Him alone" (10:84). Similarly in the Quran Allah says: And recall when I revealed to the disciples to believe in Me and in My Messenger, they said: "We do believe, and we bear witness that we indeed are the ones who submit to Allah" (5:111).

In nutshell Muslim are those who: Believe in Allah and His Messenger and in the Book He has revealed to His Messenger, **and in the Book He revealed before**. And whoever disbelieves in Allah, in His angels, in His Books, in His Messengers and in the Last Day, has indeed strayed far away (4:136). Believers, be afraid of Allah and believe in His Messenger, and He will grant you a two-fold portion of His Mercy and will appoint for you a light whereby you shall walk; and He will forgive you. Allah is Most Forgiving, Most Compassionate (57:28).

Faith is fearing Allah, fearing His Justice and being optimistic about His mercy. Those who say: "Allah is our Lord" and then remain steadfast, upon them descend angels (and say): "Do not fear nor grieve and receive good tidings of Paradise which you were promised" (41:30). Thus, the Quran says: Indeed, the ones possessed of true faith are those who believed in Allah and His Messenger and then they did not entertain any doubt and strove hard in the Way of Allah with their lives and their possessions. These are the truthful ones (49:15). Allah orders the Prophet to tell them: "I am bidden to serve Allah, consecrating my devotion to Him, and I am bidden to be the first of those who surrender to Him" (39:11-12).

Satan

Satan's arrogance story: Allah created Adam from dry rotten black ringing clay, and earlier had created jinn from

smokeless flame. He told the angels that He is going to create a human being and when He creates him, all of you should prostrate before Him. All the angels prostrated to Adam except for Satan (a jinn with freedom of choice), who refused on the pretext that He created him from dry rotten black ringing clay and him from fire. Allah placed a curse on him till Day of Recompense. Rather than repenting, he requested respite till Doomsday, which was granted. Satan blamed God for his egotism and promised that he would lead all mankind astray except a few. Allah said this is the straight way that leads to Me. **He was told he has no power over mankind except the beguiling ones, and that he and his followers are destined for Hell. Hell has seven gates, each specified for a group.**

He entangles man in vain desires, incite them to cut off the ears of the cattle, and to disfigure Allah's creation. Those who accept him as their guardian will suffer great loss. His promises are mere illusions, making evil deeds seem appealing and distracting followers from the Messengers' call. He promotes stinginess through fear of poverty, while Allah offers forgiveness and abundance. Satan entices with intoxicants, gambling, and fortune-telling. With them he fosters enmity and hatred among people while diverting them from remembrance of Allah and praying. His followers see you from where you cannot see them. His team of devils (both jinn and humans) are guardians of the disbelievers. So let not Satan deceive you as he deceived Adam^(AS). Those who devour interest become like the one whom Satan has bewitched. They say, "Trade is also like interest", whereas Allah has made trade lawful and interest unlawful. **Those who invoke others besides Allah are in fact invoking rebellious Satan,** and fight in his cause against the true religion of Allah. Satan and a category of devils and humans have been enemies of every prophet.

The enmity of Satan is an example of those who opposed Islam and the Prophet^(SAW) merely because of their ego and prejudice. Since no one can help anyone in the Hereafter, Satan will deny their polytheism. In Hell the Satan will

acknowledge that Allah's promises were true; and that his promises were false. He will also remind them that he had no power to force them, he called them towards polytheism and disbelief, and they followed him voluntarily. So, don't blame me, rather blame yourselves."

Satan makes evil deeds seem fair to those who have taken him as patron, thus they pay no heed to the call of the Messengers. There was no Messenger or Prophet when he preached, Satan did not try to mislead his people. Whoever follows him, he will incite them towards indecency and wickedness. Were it not for Allah's grace and His mercy, not one of you would ever become pure. That Day the disbeliever will bite his hand and say, "I wish I had taken the path of the Messenger! Woe to me, I wish I had not taken so-and-so as a friend! Indeed, it was he, who had deluded me to reject the Admonition which had come to me. Satan has proved to be a great deceiver for man." Satan is your enemy, so, treat him as such. He wants to lead his followers to hell.

Division of people on the Day of Judgment

1. Believers: O people of understanding who have believed, Allah has sent down to you an Exhortation so that He may bring out those that believe and act righteously, from every kind of darkness into light. They are those who believe in the unseen, establish the prayers and expend in charity out of what Allah has bestowed on them; who believe in the scriptures revealed to Muhammad^(SAW) (Quran) and the previous scriptures (Torah, Gospel, etc.), and at the same time firmly believe in the Hereafter. They order their families to pray and observe it themselves. They strive in the cause of Allah in a manner worthy of that striving. They are the guided ones and will succeed in the Hereafter. He has chosen them (for His task), and He has not laid upon them any hardship in religion. They hold fast to Allah as their Protector. They have chosen the best of Protector and an excellent Helper.

Those guided by the Quran rise-up at dawn to mention His name, they glorify Him morning and evening, neither trade

nor bargaining distracts them from the remembrance of Allah and the maintenance of prayer and the giving of charity. They are fearful of the Day when the hearts will be overturned, and eyes will be petrified. Allah will reward them for their good deeds and enhance them by His grace. They adopt righteousness here, Allah will rescue them because of their righteousness in the Hereafter. No evil shall touch them, nor will they grieve.

They will be told: “My servants, today you have nothing to fear or regret, for you believed in Our Signs and surrendered to Us! Enter Paradise joyfully, along with your spouses.” They will be told, “You shall dwell here forever. This is the Paradise you inherit due to your good deeds in the world, where you will enjoy abundant fruits to eat.”

2. Disbelievers: 1) The disbelievers (atheist, polytheists, hypocrites, followers of false faith) are those who do not use their intellect. That is those who are blind of reason cannot be guided nor prevented from going astray. It is they who dispute about the Signs of Allah. They persist in disbelief **without reasoning**. For such (blinded by prejudice) it is the same whether warned or not, they will not believe. Thus, they will face a severe punishment in the Hereafter. 2) They reject the Message and say, “This Quran is a forgery which this man himself has devised, and some others have helped him at it, or say, these are the writings of the ancients which this person copied, and they are recited to him in the morning and in the evening, or claim it was forged by Muhammad(SAW). While some of the leaders of Makkah claim that the Quran was being taught by a Persian. Allah asks: **“Is it possible for a Persian to teach the most eloquent Arabic text?”** A great injustice and an impudent lie that these people have descended on. 3) They say this is nothing but a fabrication because the Exhortation was sent down to him instead of us leaders. They doubt Allah’s “Admonition”, and whosoever denies His Revelations are liars, a painful torment awaits them. Such disbelieving nation sallied upon its Messenger to seize them, they all tried to defeat the Truth by means of falsehood, but, at last, Allah seized them with severe

punishment. Thus, the decree of your Lord became due against the disbelievers, who are destined for the Fire. **4)** The elite and those whom Allah has granted comfort often deny the Hereafter, claiming, "This Prophet is merely a mortal who eats and drinks like us; following him will lead to suffering." He promises resurrection after death, but this seems implausible. They say there is no life after this life and say that such promises have been made to us and our ancestors before, labeling them as mere tales. Ultimately, those who disbelieve will bear the weight of their disbelief, which only increases their Lord's wrath and results in greater punishment for them. **5)** The disbelievers are such that they have heart that does not think, they have eyes that do not see, they have ears that do not hear. They are like cattle; rather worse, they are heedless. Allah says about such people that even if He opened a gate for them to ascend to the heavens, they would have said they have been affected by magic. **6)** Evil doers will endure the torment of Hell, and their suffering will never be eased. They will be in absolute despair, not wronged by Allah, but by themselves. They will cry, "O Warden, let your Lord free us by killing us." He will respond, "You must remain here for ever." **7)** He who disbelieved will bear the burden of his disbelief. Indeed, He does not like the disbelievers. **8)** The excuses of the wrongdoers will not avail them. They will be the ones cursed and will have a miserable dwelling. But the wrongdoers are following their own desires, without any knowledge. Such people can have no helper. **9)** O Prophet, you are calling them to the Straight Path, but those who do not believe in the Hereafter always want to go astray. **10)** And there has been no nation which was not visited by a warner. Now if they consider you a liar, those who came before them also considered their Messengers as liars. Their Messengers too came to them with clear evidence, Scriptures, and the illuminating Book. Then We seized those who disbelieved, and indeed, how severe was My punishment. **11)** The chastisement of Hell awaits those who disbelieve in their Lord. What a wretched destination! When they will be cast into it, they will hear it roar as it boils, as though it will burst with rage. Every time a

multitude is cast into it, its keepers will ask them: “Did no warner come to you?” They will say: “Yes, a warner came to us, but we gave the lie to him and said: Allah has revealed nothing. You are surely in huge error. They would say: “If we had only listened and understood, we would not be among the inmates of the Blazing Fire.” Thus, will they confess their sins. Damned are these inmates of the Blazing Fire.

3. Polytheists: Polytheism, or associating false deities with Allah, is a grave sin. The Quran denounces polytheism, idolatry, and seeking intercessors. Those they associate with Allah are mere creations; they cannot help themselves nor help others, nor answer their calls when invoked. They possess no power over life or death, and neither can resurrect the dead. Polytheism is an unforgivable sin. Anyone who practices magic or consults a magician will forfeit their share in the Hereafter.

Those who invoke others alongside Allah are in fact calling upon rebellious Satan. Allah does not forgive associating others with Him but may forgive other sins at His discretion. The fact is they do not reject the prophet, but they reject Allah’s verses. The polytheists, in their ignorance, attribute devils to Allah, who is their Creator, and claim for Him sons and daughters, though He is pure and exalted above such attributes. The Quran informs the polytheists that Muhammad_(SAW) does not possess the keys to the realm of the unseen, nor has knowledge of it, nor is he an angel; he follows what has been revealed to him. Intercession is solely Allah’s right. The Prophet was instructed to tell the polytheists that he is forbidden to call upon those they call upon besides Allah_(SWT), have been warned that doing so would lead him astray and would face chastisement.

On the Day of Judgment, everyone will stand before Allah individually and empty-handed, and those they considered equals to Allah will reject them. Realizing their deities have abandoned them, they will deny being polytheist. When confronted with Hellfire, the unseen truths they had been warned about, they will wish for another chance. Another chance will not be given, but if it was given, they would

repeat their mistakes. Then why fear them, whom Allah has not granted authority, who can neither benefit nor harm?

Each will stand alone before Allah, without worldly possessions and intercessors whom he used to worship in the world. In dire need, everyone calls out solely to Allah, and when He removes the calamity, the polytheists begin following the old way. The dead saint (deities) whom polytheists call, are unaware of being worshiped. On the Day of Judgment, Allah will remove the veil separating them, the true saints will reject their worship and say, Allah's witness suffices that they were totally unaware of their worship. Then they will realize the falsehood they had fabricated has forsaken them. The polytheists rejoice in the pleasant journey with breeze, and when surrounded by a storm with high waves, they call upon Allah with sincerity. And when He saves them, then they turn their back to the truth and become rebellious. Allah asks, can the claimed associates of His bring about the creation of beings and then repeat it, and can they guide them? No, only Allah can.

Most of them believe in Allah but associate others with Him. Allah is free from all faults and short comings. The Prophets have nothing to do with the polytheists. All the Prophets who came before were human beings and dwellers of the same settlements. The argument of the disbelievers has always been, after being reduced to dust, will we be resurrected? (With DNA resurrection is easy). Consider: Creating Eve was easier from Adam's rib, and rest of humanity from them. On the Day of Judgment when the truth becomes clear, those who followed blindly will say to those whom they followed, "We merely followed you, can you save us from chastisement?" They will say: "We were wrong ourselves and you followed us. Now we all face the punishment, and there is no escape from it." **In Hell the Satan will acknowledge that Allah's promises were true; and that his promises were false. He will also remind them that he had no power to force them, he called them towards polytheism and disbelief, and they followed him voluntarily. So, don't blame me, rather blame yourselves."**

By His command the ships sail across the sea. When they are surrounded by hurricane in the sea, they forget their false deities and call upon Allah, and when He delivers them safely on land, they turn away in ingratitude. They forget that Allah may cause them to sink into the earth, or to send winds of stones, or when they sail again, a great storm can drown them for their ungratefulness, and no one can protect them. (In spite of such clear signs of the Oneness of Allah), they have set up equals and rivals with Him and adore them with the adoration due to Him.

On Resurrection Day Hell will be placed before the unbelievers who turned blind eye to My admonition. Do the polytheists believe that they can take any of My creatures as their guardians beside Me? Verily We have prepared Hell to welcome the unbelievers. Hence, all their deeds have come to naught, and We shall assign no weight to them on the Day of Judgment. Hell is their recompense for disbelieving and their taking My revelations and My Messengers as objects of jest.

Rejection of polytheism: 1) The creation cannot be like the Creator. **2)** When the angel will come to seize their souls, they will deny ever being polytheist. **3)** Do not take two gods; for there is none but One God (negating all false deities). **Can one hold in awe any other than Allah?** **4)** In severe distress polytheists call upon Allah, and when He removes their distress, they call on others in ingratitude. **5)** Can a share be assigned to the false deities from His provision? No! **6)** They assign angels as daughters to Allah, which they themselves dislike and even kill. **7) On Judgment Day, the disbelievers will not be allowed to make excuses, nor asked to repent, nor punishment will be lightened.** **8)** That Day their false deities will not only reject their claim but call them liars. They will face double torment, **first for disbelief and second for hindering others from the right Way.** **9)** In the Quran a covenant was taken from people that they would not ascribe to Allah anything but the truth? **10)** They ask, will they really be raised up again when they are reduced to dust? Allah says, most certainly He created you in the first instance will bring you back to life, even if you turn to stone, iron, or something which you consider impossible to be brought to life. **11) The**

Quran tells the polytheists to invoke those deities they fancy to be their helpers, they can neither remove nor change any affliction from them or shift them to others. **12)** In fact, those they invoke themselves seek means of approach to their Lord in hope for His mercy and fear His chastisement (true saints). The chastisement of your Lord is a thing to be dreaded. **13)** On the Day of Resurrection, We shall place Hell before the unbelievers whose eyes had become blind against My admonition and who were utterly disinclined to hear it. Do the unbelievers, then, believe that they can take any of My creatures as their guardians beside Me? Verily We have prepared Hell to welcome them.

4. Hypocrites: Hypocrites claim they believe in Allah and the Last Day; they deceive non but themselves. Hypocrisy in their hearts will lead them to severe punishment in the Hereafter. They say, "We believe in Allah and the Last Day", whereas they do not believe at all. They thus try to deceive Allah and the Believers, but they succeed in deceiving none except themselves and they realize it not. In their hearts is a disease which Allah has increased even more, and a painful doom is in store for them for the lie they utter. Despite being warned not to spread mischief on earth, they remain oblivious. When advised to believe sincerely, they refuse and mock the believers. **They have traded guidance for ignorance and failed to use their intellect to reflect.** Whenever it is said to them, "Spread not disorder on the earth", they say, "We only seek to put things aright". They do spread disorder, but they realize it not. And when it is said to them, "Believe sincerely as the other people have believed", they reply, "Should we believe as fools have believed?" They themselves are the fools, but they know it not. When they meet those who believe, they say, "We, too, are believers", but when they privily meet their evil geniuses, they say, "Indeed we are with you: we are only mocking at these people". Their condition may be described in a parable: a man kindled a fire and when it illuminated all around him, Allah took away the light from their eyes and left them in utter darkness, where they could not see anything. They are deaf; they are dumb; they are blind so they will not return (a

non-believing hypocrite). Or another parable may be cited to depict their condition: heavy rain is falling from the sky, accompanied by pitch darkness, thunder and lightning. When they hear the thunderclap, they thrust their fingers into their ears for fear of death, but Allah is encircling the disbelievers on all sides. The lightning terrifies them as if it were going to snatch away their eyesight from them. When they see light, they move on a little further and when it becomes dark for them, they stand still (hypocrite who believes that suits him).

Those who take the unbelievers for their allies in preference to the believers are hypocrites and Hell is their abode. They pray only to show. If Muslims are victorious, they are with them, otherwise with the enemy. They are neither with the believers nor with the disbelievers. That is why the hypocrites will be in the lowest level of Hell. The hypocrites spend out of their wealth only to show people, they neither believe in Allah nor the Last Day. They reject the Quran and the laws of Allah and accept other decisions. They pretend to secure themselves from the Muslims and the polytheists. Whenever they get a chance to do mischief, they jump into it. The hypocrites are promised a painful chastisement. Thus, save yourself from hypocrisy, it's a heinous crime. Those believers who do not go out for jihad, instead try to stop others, have disbelieved and are hypocrites. When Muslims are victorious, they will feel remorseful at their hypocrisy. Such hasten towards sin and transgression and gulping unlawful earnings. Allah says that He will question those who split their religion into pieces, from those who accept what they like from their Quran and reject the rest (all inspired books were the Quran of their time). All actions that are for people to acknowledge is hypocrisy.

A hadith describes that on Judgment Day, three people will be brought to account: a scholar who acted upon his knowledge to be seen, a martyr who fought for Allah but sought recognition, and a wealthy person who gave charity from his wealth to be called charitable. **The first person** against whom judgment will be pronounced on the Day of Judgment will be a man who died a martyr. Allah will ask

him: What did you do about my blessings? He will say: I fought for you until I died a martyr. He will be told you have lied, you fought so that people would say you are courageous. And so, it was said. Then he will be ordered to be cast into Hellfire. **The second person** against whom judgment will be pronounced on the Day of Judgment will be a religious scholar. Allah will ask him: What did you do about my blessings? He will say: I studied religious knowledge and taught it for Your sake. He will be told you have lied; you became scholar so that people may say you are learned. And you recited the Quran that it might be said [of you]: He is a reciter. And so, it was said. Then he will be ordered to be cast into Hellfire. **The third person** against whom judgment will be pronounced on the Day of Judgment will be a wealthy charitable man. Allah will ask him: What did you do about my blessings? He will say: I left no path [untrodden] in which You like money to be spent without spending in it for Your sake. He will say: You have lied – you did but do so that it might be said [of you]: He is open-handed. And so, it was said. Then he will be ordered to be dragged along on his face until he is cast into Hellfire (Muslim 4688).

Death

Lo, the agony of death has indeed come with the Truth. That is what you had sought to avoid. When a man's soul reaches up to the throat, while you are helplessly watching that he is on the verge of death, and it is said: “Is there any enchanter who can step forward and help (by his chanting)?” and calf is inter-twined with calf. At that moment We are closer to him than you, although you do not see (Us). That Day a partition “Barzakh” will part them from the living.

Barzakh

Barzakh is mentioned only once in the Quran, typically in the context of the state of the soul after death till the Day of Resurrection. It represents a barrier between the living world and the Hereafter where the deceased souls reside until their Resurrection Day. The blind and the seeing are not alike, nor

darkness and light; nor cool shade and torrid heat; nor are the living and the dead alike; nor is the knowledgeable and ignorant alike. Allah makes to hear whomsoever He wishes, but you, (O Prophet), you cannot make the people of the grave hear you (how can anyone else make them hear them?).

Doomsday

When the Trumpet is blown once, the earth and the mountains will be razed and crushed into pieces with a single stroke, that Day the Inevitable shall happen. On that Day the heaven shall split asunder, and its system shall loosen. The Hour shall take place, so that Allah may reward those who have believed and did good works. For them is forgiveness and a generous provision. The Hour of Doomsday is bound to come. Allah has willed to keep the time of its coming hidden so that everyone may be recompensed in accordance with his effort. With Him is the knowledge of the Hour; and to Him you shall all be sent back. Verily he [i.e., Jesus) is a portent of the Hour. So be in no doubt concerning it and follow Me. This is the Straight Way. When the Event occurs, and then there will be no one to deny its occurrence, (a calamitous event) that shall turn things upside down. When the earth will suddenly shake with a terrible shaking, and the mountains will crumble and will scatter abroad into fine dust (56:1-6). On that Day the earth and the mountains will shake violently, and the mountains will crumble into scattered dust, the sky will split apart with this force. The eyesight will be dazed, the moon will be eclipsed, and the sun and moon will merge. On that Day man will say, "Where is the refuge?" That Day there is no refuge, the return will be only to your Lord. The Hour of Doom shall so calamitous and bitter that on that Day the suckling woman shall utterly neglect the infant she suckles, and every pregnant woman shall cast her burden, and you will see people as though they are drunk, when they are not drunk; but dreadful shall be Allah's chastisement (22:1-2). That Day all will perish but He. To Him belongs the command. And to Him shall all of you return (28:88).

Professor Nikolai Kinof and Dimitri, physics experts, proposed a theory explaining the Earth's rotation and axis. This theory, called integral electromagnon dynamic motion, posits that solar power generates a magnetic field that drives the Earth's rotation. The rotation speed correlates with solar intensity. They discovered in 1970 that the Earth's magnetic poles are shifting at a rate of 10 km per year, but this rate has since increased, with a recorded shift of up to 200 km in 2001. The magnetic force is causing the Earth's poles to switch, that would result in a reversal of its rotation and the sun rising from the West. Dimitri supported his research not only through scientific studies but also by examining religious texts, finding alignment primarily within Islam. He discovered a Hadith that correlates with the theory of the sun rising from the West and believes that such ancient knowledge, over 1,400 years ago, could only have originated from the Creator of the universe. He embraced Islam. The hadith is: Abu Huraira narrates that the Allah's Messenger(SAW) said, "The Hour will not be established till the sun rises from the west, and when it rises (from the west) and the people see it, then all of them will believe (in Allah). But that will be the time when it will do no good to a soul to believe then. If it did not believe before" (Bukhari 6506). There is a hadith that describes a scene where all of creation dies, and even all the angels pass away, except for Allah. Then Allah asks, "Who is alive?" and the response reveals that none remain but Himself and the Angel of Death, he too dies. It emphasizes that ultimately, everything and everyone will perish, leaving only Allah. On the Day when the Hour shall come to pass, the followers of falsehood shall be in utter loss. That Day Allah will ask: "Whose is the kingdom today?" "It is Allah's, the One, the Overpowering."

Resurrection Day

It will be the Day when the heavens and the earth shall be altogether changed. This will be the Day when the Trumpet is blown. That will be the Day (for the dead) to come forth. The earth will be shaken with a mighty shaking, and the earth will throw up all her burdens, and man will cry out: "What is the

matter with her?" On that Day it will relate all her news, for your Lord will have commanded her (to do so) (99:1-5). On that Day, when all people will be exposed, nothing will be hidden from Allah. (On that Day, it will be called out and asked) Whose is the kingdom today? (The whole world will cry out) Allah, the One, the Almighty (40:16)? Then everyone will appear naked before Allah, all the earlier ones and the later ones will be brought together on that Day, none will be left behind from both jinn and humans. Today they will be resurrected even with their fingerprints. Allah will gather all mankind and jinn, with no exceptions, and they will all rise praising him. This Day will also be equal to fifty thousand years of ours, and the sun will be closer. There will be no shade except the shade of the Lord's throne. Under the scorching heat people will be swimming in the pool of their own sweat. The Prophets, the saints and the righteous will be under the shade of Allah's Throne. The faces of those who have invented falsehoods against Allah, will be blackened. That Day the guilty will swear that they only stayed in the world for not more than an hour (i.e., they will realize the worth of the worldly life). This is the Day of Resurrection that we were warned about. This is the Day of the promised chastisement. Everyone has come, everyone has an angel who will take him to his destination, and another who will testify for or against him.

They did not value Allah as He deserved to be valued. When the disbeliever sees the torment, he will say: "Would that I could get another chance so that I also should be among the doers of good!" He will be told "Why not! My Revelations come to you; you denied them, and showed arrogance, and you were among the disbelievers." Each will be blaming the other. Those who refused to believe in the revelations of their Lord and meeting Him. That Day all their deeds will come to naught and carry no weight (18:105). That Day some faces will turn bright, and some faces will turn dark. That Day the faces of those who lied against Allah will turn dark (39:60)? The dark faced will be told: You fell into disbelief after belief? Taste, the chastisement of unbelief. And those whose faces have turned bright, they will be in the mercy of Allah, and therein

they shall abide (3:106-107). The criminals, some of them will be raised blind, some will be without arms, some will be without legs, and some will be walking on their heads. In a hadith, the Prophet(SAW) said to the Companions that some people would walk on their heads on the Day of Resurrection. The Companions asked, how will they walk? The Prophet(SAW) said: He who made them walk on their feet will make them walk (Bukhari 6523). Those who had turned away from His Admonitions in the world will be raise blind," where-upon they will say: "Lord! Why have You raised us blind when we had sight in the world?" He will say: "Our Signs came to you, and you ignored them. So, we ignored you today." After relaying to them their crimes, all hypocrites, polytheists, and disbelievers will be thrown into Hell prior to Judgment Day.

Allah Almighty will be so angry on that day that He will not begin the reckoning, even though the Day of Resurrection will be close to the end of fifty thousand of our years. The believers, troubled by the heat, will become impatient. They will go to Adam (peace be upon him) and ask him to intercede with Allah so that He may begin the reckoning. He will excuse himself. They will then go to Noah(AS) to intercede to request Allah to start the Reckoning, he too will excuse himself. They will then go to Abraham(AS), he too will excuse himself. They will then go to Moses(AS), he too will excuse himself. People will go to Essa(AS), he too will excuse himself and tell them to go to Muhammad(SAW). People will come to him; he will fall prostrate to Allah. Allah will accept his intercession, and the Judgment Day would start. Ah, indeed man is ever hasty (Bukh 7410).

Judgment Day

On the Day of Judgment, all will be presented before their Lord in rows. On that Day, Allah will say: Look! You have come to Us, just as We created you the first time. You thought that We had not appointed you a time. This is the Day when all humans and jinn will be gathered to account for their worldly life. On that day, judgment will be made based on their deeds and their faith. When the Day of Reckoning

starts: The record of every person's deed will be placed before him. At that time, you will see the guilty people fearing the entries in their Book of Life and saying, "Oh, our misfortune! What kind of Book is this that there is no small or large deed of ours that is not recorded in it." They will find everything they did before them, **and your Lord will not wrong anyone in the least.** Therefore, the scales are not set for the hypocrites, polytheists, disbelievers, and atheists as their deeds are naught and carry no weight. They will be thrown into the Hellfire as soon as the Judgment Day begins, where they will abide eternally. The remaining who would be swimming in the pool of their own sweat would be the true sinning believers. They will be judged based on their deeds and their faith. Some of them would be the people of Araf i.e., neither in Paradise nor in Hell. Some of them who were remorseful of what they did Allah might forgive them. There will rest of those who after finishing their sentence will enter the Paradise.

In the Quran Allah says: "I do swear by the Day of Judgment! And what do you know what the Day of Judgment is? It is the Day when man will be informed of what he has brought forth." They shall be brought before their Lord, all lined up, and will be told: "Now, indeed, you have come before Us in the manner We created you in the first instance, even though you thought that this day of meeting with us would never come." Then their Books of deeds will be placed before them, and you will see the criminals terrified by what is in it, saying: "Woe to us! What a Book this is! It leaves nothing, big or small, but encompasses it." That Day they will find their deeds confronting them, man will be apprised of his deeds, both the earlier and the later. **But lo, man is well-aware of himself (his deeds), even though he might make up excuses. Your Lord wrongs no one.**

Every individual will receive his book to read, detailing every deed he has done. Believers will be judged with mercy, while disbelievers face severe consequences. Allah will cover the sins of those who were ashamed of them, this might lead to their salvation and entry into Paradise. Today neither blood-kindred nor one's own offspring will avail them. People will

go forth in varying states so that they be shown their deeds. So, whoever does an atom's weight of good shall see it; and whoever does an atom's weight of evil shall see it. Allah will judge among them concerning matters about which they disagree. Finally, each will present his case before his Lord. Then all of them will appear exposed before Allah. Would that you could see the guilty standing before their Lord with their heads downcast, (saying to Him): "Our Lord, we have now seen and heard, so send us back (to the world) that we might act righteously. Now we have come to have firm faith. Regretfully, it is too late. We shall set up just scales on the Day of Judgment so that none will be wronged in the least. (We shall bring forth the acts of everyone), even if it be the weight of a grain of mustard seed. We shall suffice as Reckoners (21:47).

Paradise

When Paradise will be brought near to the righteous, it will be announced: "This is the promise that was made to all those who turn to Allah and remember their deeds, who feared the unseen Merciful Lord, and whose hearts were not heedless of the remembrance of Allah, they will be told to enter the Paradise in peace." That will be the Day of Eternity, where they will have all that, they desire, and with Us there is even more (i.e., will see their Lord). They will sit facing each other on cushioned thrones. In their gatherings, eternal boys will be running around with cups, pitchers, and goblets filled with the wine of the flowing spring, which will neither make them dizzy nor will it dull their intellect. And they will present to them various kinds of delicious fruits, that they may choose from them, and the flesh of birds, that they may eat from any bird they wish, and for them will be fair-eyed maidens, as beautiful as hidden pearls. All this will be their reward for what they used to do in the world. There they will not hear any idle talk or sinful talk. They will only say what is right. They will be among thornless berries. And thorny groves, and far-reaching shadows, and ever-flowing water, and never-ending and unhindered abundance of fruits, and lofty dwellings. We will especially create their wives anew and make them virgins, lovers of their husbands and of same

age. Platters and cups of gold will be served, offering everything they desire and feel delight in. There is a hadith that mentions Allah will create another creation to fill the unused space in Paradise. Anas stated that the Prophet(SAW) said: “There will be space left over in Paradise, as much as Allah wills, then Allah, may He be exalted, will create for it whatever He wills to create (Muslim 6826).”

Who are people of Paradise?

According to the Quran, they are the people who believed in the unseen and perform righteous deeds, while it rejects the claim of all those who say they are Allah’s beloved and the people of Paradise, whether it be a Jew, Christian or of any other faith. Dwellers of Paradise are those who submit to Allah’s will (Muslims), did the Right deeds, cared for His creatures especially humans, there they will live without fear or grief. The verse states: *Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian; he was a Muslim, wholly devoted to Allah. And he certainly was not amongst those who associate others in His divinity.* The people who have the best claim to Paradise are those who followed him in the past i.e., those who submitted their will to the will of Allah (Muslim), *and presently believe in Muhammad(SAW)* (rejecting any Prophet is as if rejecting all the Prophets). The Quran says: *Recall to mind that when his Lord put Abraham to test in certain things and he fulfilled all of them, He said, “I am going to make you the leader of mankind.” Abraham humbly asked, “Does this promise apply to my descendants also?” He replied, “My promise does not apply to the transgressors”* (2:124). The verse states that lineage, connections, and status carry no weight on Judgment Day, only true belief, actions, and intentions will lead him to Paradise. People of Paradise are the ones who were in total devotion to Allah and did not associate others in His divinity (Muslims). No one will enter Paradise because of his lineage or status, but because of his beliefs, actions, and intentions. Paradise shall be their reward for their good deeds. They are the people of the Right! A large throng from the ancients, and a large throng from those of later times will be its dwellers.

People of Araf

And between the two there will be a barrier, and on the Heights will be men who will recognize each person by his mark and will cry, out to the people of Paradise: 'Peace be to you. 'These will be the ones who had not yet joined them in Paradise, though they long to do so. And when the eyes of the people of the Heights will be turned towards the people of Hell they will say: 'Our Lord! Do not cast us among the wrongdoing people.' And the people of the Heights will cry out to the men whom they would recognize by their marks. saying: 'Neither your numbers nor the riches of which you were proud availed you. Are these not the ones of whom you swore that Allah shall grant them nothing of His mercy?' To such it will be said: "Enter Paradise. You have no cause to fear, nor shall you grieve" (7:46-49).

The Hell

The Quran provides a little insight into Hell and its punishments. It emphasizes the severity and permanence of the punishment for those who had denied the faith and committed wrong deeds. It says it is a Fire which has been prepared for the disbelievers and wrong doers, and which will have men and stones for fuel. Here are some important descriptions: For the unbelievers, We have kept ready chains and fetters and a Blazing Fire. Therein will be a blazing fire that will burn the skin, every time the skin is burned, it will be replaced, so that they will taste the fullness of the punishment. The chastisement of Hell awaits those who disbelieve in their Lord. What a wretched destination! When they will be cast into it, they will hear it roar as it boils, as though it will burst with rage. They will be between a scorching wind and boiling water, and a thick black smoke overshadowing them, which will neither be cool nor soothe them. They will all eat the fruit of the Tree of Zaqqum and fill their bellies with it. Like dregs of oil, it will boil in their bellies like boiling water. And after that, they will drink boiling water, drink it like a thirsty camel drink from a pond.

They will also drink pus and have bitter dry thorns to eat that will neither satisfy their hunger nor nourish them.

In Hell the weak ones will say to the haughty ones: "We merely followed you. Will you, then, protect us from Allah's chastisement?" They will say: "Had Allah shown us the Way to our salvation, we would surely have also guided you. Now it is all the same whether we cry or suffer patiently, we have no escape" (14:21). When the inhabitants of Hell will face Satan, they will blame him for their ill fate. He will reply that Allah promised Paradise to righteous believers, while I vowed to lead people astray by my whispers in their hearts and minds. The Quran depicts this moment as follows: "Surely whatever Allah promised you was true; as for me, I went back on the promise I made to you. I had no power over you except that I called you to my way and you responded to me. So, do not blame me but blame yourselves. Here, neither I can come to your rescue, nor can you come to mine. I disavow your former act of associating me in the past with Allah. (14:22)."

The unjust man will bite at his hand and say, "Would that I had stood by the Messenger! O, woe to me! Would that I had not chosen so and so for a friend! For it was he, who had deluded me to reject the Admonition which had come to me. Satan has proved very treacherous to man." Those who would be driven to Hell upon their faces, had taken an utterly wrong stance and their way was most erroneous. We allowed them to enjoy a while in the world and then We drove them in their utter helplessness to the harsh chastisement.

Who are People of Hell?

The inhabitants of Hell are the people of the left who did not believe that they would be resurrected after death. It includes all the stubborn disbelievers: those who followed blindly without using reason, the polytheists, the oppressive rulers, the unjust judges, those who hindered good deeds, those who transgressed the social limits set by Allah, those who boastfully described their evil deeds to people, those who worshipped other deities, atheists, and especially the miscreant scholars who divided religion into sects and misled their followers for worldly gains. It will be ordered: Throw

every stubborn disbeliever into Hell, and throw all those who hindered good deeds, transgressed, were in doubt about the meeting with Allah, and those who worshipped other gods besides Him, into a painful chastisement.

My Advice to the Ummah

O Muslims, the Quran, which was revealed to Muhammad^(SAW), is a source of guidance for humanity, for those who wish to avoid the evil end of their Hereafter. The Quran states that stress and anxiety are universal, even affecting pious individuals, including the Prophets. Islam offers a way of dealing with worldly problems that emphasizes trust in Allah while explaining the temporary nature of worldly problems. With the help of Allah, we can easily cope with the challenges of life by increasing our piety, exercising patience in the face of difficulties, finding peace through prayers, avoiding sins, and leaning towards goodness, always repenting, thanking Allah in times of difficulty, and having good companions. O Muslims, trust in Allah's plan breeds patience and hope. When we are meditating on Allah's final admonishing, the Quran, we will understand the attributes of our Merciful Lord and come to love Him. The Quran warns us of our return to Allah for the accountability our deeds on the Day of Recompense, encouraging us to be good and do good deeds. Ultimately, true success lies in how well we prepare for the inevitable Day of Reckoning.

The Quran offers profound insights into the importance of faith, trust in Allah, and good character. It highlights the importance of Prayer, and a strong relationship with Allah, while acknowledging human shortcomings and emphasizing the need for patience and gratitude during life's challenges. The Quran contains profound knowledge about natural phenomena that transcends time and space. This timeless wisdom serves as evidence of being Divine and encourages worship of Allah. O Muslims, our miscreant scholars say that studying the Quran with understanding will lead you astray. While non-Muslims are flocking to Islam after studying the

Quran in large numbers. The Quran promotes inclusiveness and equality, asserting that true righteousness stems from good deeds rather than social status or lineage. The Quran emphasizes the importance of treating everyone fairly, regardless of their social status, wealth, or background, reinforcing the concept of universal equality. It also emphasizes the need to protect the rights of the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable members of society. His teachings led to remarkable progress in various fields such as fine arts, architecture, science, algebra, astronomy, philosophy, etc., leaving a profound legacy whose echoes are still heard today. O Muslims, Dr. Gary Miller, a Canadian scholar, and a mathematician, set out on a mission to analyze the Quran, with the aim of uncovering its contradictions and challenging its divine origin. He converted to Islam after being inspired by the teachings of the Quran. Initially skeptical, he found the text to encourage critical thinking and inquiry. His search revealed profound insights, including the dignified portrayal of Mary and the humility of the Prophet Muhammad. The journey transformed his understanding of faith and humanity. After studying the Quran, he converted to Islam.

Similarly, a former NASA scientist Corner was an expert in astronomy and astrophysics. He had more than 10 years of experience at NASA, contributing to scientific advancements and exploring celestial phenomena. His passion for the universe shaped his scientific journey. On Laylat al-Qadr, Corner's experience led him to question the relationship between spirituality and science. The night of Laylat al-Qadr is of extraordinary significance in Islam, believed to be better than a thousand months. Corner observed unusual celestial conditions that night, noting the absence of meteors and stars, which sparked his curiosity about the connection between his experience and Ramadan. This deepened his respect for the Quran. After converting to Islam, Corner faced backlash from NASA, which saw his beliefs as a threat, yet he happily embraced his newfound purpose, prioritizing faith over career.

O Muslims, Allah is man's best friend, He is quick to please, He never reminds us of what we have done, and He never turns anyone back from His door disappointed, even the disbelievers. When a sinner immerses himself in sin, our gracious Lord and Master wants His servant to return to Him. Just like a mother anxiously waits for her lost child, so does our Merciful Lord waits for the return of His servant. Ponder: O Muslims if you commit a crime that you are not aware of. The police arrest you and present you before the magistrate: You say: "My lord, I did not know that this was a crime." The magistrate will reply: "Ignorance of the law is no excuse. O Muslims, can ignorance of the Quran be an excuse on the Day of Judgment?" No. I will conclude by asking: When will we as an Ummah start studying the Quran and return towards our Merciful Lord? I will end my closing remarks with a verse from the Quran, a few verses of my poem, my poem "My Beloved Lord" and a supplication. The Quran says: *This is the Blessed Book that We have revealed to you, (O Muhammad), that people with understanding may reflect over its verses and those with understanding derive a lesson.*

parha likha samjhta tha mein apne aap ko

I considered myself to be learned

nah parha Quran samajh ke, yeh to haq tha tera

I did not study the Quran with understanding it was Thy right

mein behra mand hota raha nematon se teri

I kept enjoying Thy blessings

nah kya shukar ada mein ne, yeh to haq tha tera

I did not show gratitude to Yee, it was Thy right

O Lord, I was heedless of Yee

karti rahi mout munaadi, samajh nah aayi mujhe

Woe death kept announcing, I understood not

tha mera zan ke mili hai, umar e Noah mujhe

I thought I have been awarded the age of Noah^(AS)

jo hoga lehad mein nah thi kabhi, os ki fikar mujhe

Nor was I worried about the happenings in the grave

nah hi aya khoof, keh dena hai mein ne hisaab thuje

Nor was I petrified that I will be held accountable by Yee

haai saari umar mein ne ghaflat mein beetai

Ah, I have spent all my life in negligence

mana keh ki hai mein ne tujhse intahaa ki be wafai

I confess I have been extremely unfaithful to Yee

loat aaya hoon dai dai mujh ko tu saza se rihayi

I have turned to Yee, relieve me from punishment

haai qabar mein hain paon, tu meri sunlai duhaaii

My feet are in the grave, listen to my pleading

kya mein kahoon ga gar rab ne pooch liya mujhe

Ah, what would I say if ever my Lord asks me

haya kiyon na aai meri sirkashi par tujhai

Why didn't you feel ashamed rebelling against Me

chupata tha tu gunah apne, khalq se meri

You used to hide your sins from My creatures

tu agaya lada gunahoon sai, kuch haya hai tujhe

Loaded with sins you have come, have you no shame

pasheman hai asien par bohat, sonia yeh dil mera

O Beloved, I feel heartfelt shame for my sins

para hai sijday mein bay-basi sai, yeh bandah tera

Thy slave lay helplessly in front of Yee in prostration

ki tarke dunya jab mujhai samajh aaya pyar tera

I isolated myself from the world, when I understood Thy love

kaha Tu aab nah apna sakay ga, koi wasf mera

Yee said you will not be able to acquire My attributes

(i.e., 3rd and 4th purpose of life)

jab dhondna chaha, miley koi waseela tera

When I wanted to find an intercessor for Yee

mila nah jo hota, rati bhar hum pila tera

I could not find anyone least equal to Yee

nah he mila, jo karta maa ki tarah pyar mujsay

Nor found anyone who would love me like my mother

pas apne siwa, sab se bai niaz bana dil mera

So, Lord make my heart needless except of Yee

jub chaha sijday mein choom lon paon tere

O Lord: When I intended to kiss Thy feet in prostration

haai na ahal keh ke hai nafs nai, danta mujhe

My inner self rebuked me and said you are not competent

misle sagh jub chaha keh chaatoon talway tere

When like a dog I wanted to lick Thy feet

haae be wafa keh ke phir sai jhirakka mujhe

Ah, my inner self said you are unfaithful and scolded me

haae mein kash bana hota, sach aashiq tera
 Ah, I wish I had made Yee my true Beloved
laad uthata bahanay, bahanay se to mera
 Yee would have pampered me on slightest excuses
Afoo hai marey gunah se barh kar tera
 Thy mercy is far greater than my sins
aasra hai, tairay laa taqnato par mera
 My reliance is on Thy saying do not despair of My mercy

tu aik qadam barha, do barhaon ga mein
 Yee said: Take one step towards Me I shall take two
to chal kar aa, daur kar aon ga mein
 You come walking I'll come running to you
naiki kai badlai, mein tujhe doon ga das
 For every good deed I will write ten
per terai gunah par likhoon ga ik mein
 But for every sin I will write equivalent to one only
nah daikha nah suna, jo abd sai pyar karai aisay
 Never seen or heard anyone loving a slave as much
mein bhataкта phir raha tha, shukar karta ada kaisay
 As I was wondering obliviously, I could not thank Yee
sikha deen, keh mein ban jaon nabi ka muttee tere
 Teach me faith, so that I am obedient follower of Thy Prophet(SAW)
to raazi ho jaisay, tera ghulam banon waisay
 As Yee are pleased, I will be Thy obedient slave

haae waqt e nazaa, hai ab aa pouncha mera
 Woe unto me, the agony of death has arrived
koi nahi hai, jo ab afoo dila sakay tera
 There is no one who can ensure Thy forgiveness
maalik hain be wazan amal saaray mere
 Ah, O Master all my deeds are weightless
aur daman bhi ikhlaas se tha khaali mera
 and my heart was devoid of sincerity

meri nazaa ki sakhti ko tu kam kar day maula
 O Lord, reduce the severity of my agony of death
tu mere azaab qabar ko bhi, hata dai maula
 And also remove the torment of my grave
Mahshar ke din tu apne saaye mein rakhna mujhe
 Keep me under the shade of Thy Throne on Resurrection Day
maalik apni jannat ka, baasi bana dai mujhe
 Master make me a resident of Thy Paradise

khaali jholi waqt e jaza, aa pouncha mera

Ah, with empty beggar pouch, the time of my Reckoning has come

maalik reham, Haleem bohat sehma huwa hai tera

O Master, have mercy Haleem Thy slave is petrified

sonia hon khata kar, par hon bandah tera

O Merciful, I am a sinner, but I am Thy slave

kar mizan bhaari, le hisaab tu halka mera

Make my scales heavy, and take me to account with mercy

Supplication

O Allah, we ask You, O Merciful! You are the refuge of those who have no refuge, You are the protector of those who have no protection, You are the support of those who have no support, You are the treasure of those who have no treasure. You are the protector of the weak and the treasure of the poor. O Allah, You are Allah, there is no god but You, You have no partner. We ask You to send Your peace and blessings upon Muhammad(SAW), the family of Muhammad(SAW), and the companions of Muhammad(SAW). Ameen!

O Allah, I am ashamed of all my sins and disobedience. O Lord, forgive this lowly soul, for none can forgive except You. O Allah, one of the last verses that was revealed in the Quran says: *Guard against the disgrace and misery of the Day when you shall return to Allah: there everyone shall be recompensed in full, for the good or the evil one has earned, and none shall be wronged. And no one shall avail anyone anything; nor shall intercession be accepted from anyone; nor shall anyone be acquitted for any ransom; nor shall the guilty ones be helped from any quarter (2:281,48).* O Allah! I have become old, my feet are in the grave, I have journeyed a long way towards my end, my preparations for the Hereafter are zero, while mountains of sins are hovering above me. O Allah, I did not pay any attention to the above verses, I forgot that I am Your servant and that I must return to You. O Allah, I have wronged myself by disobeying Your commandments. O Allah, forgive me. O Allah, when I make the intention for prayer I say: I turn my face towards Him who created the heavens and the earth, and I am certainly not of those who

associate partners with Allah, my prayers, all my acts of worship, and my living and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the universe. He has no partner. But when, involuntarily, I read the next sentence, this is what I have been commanded, and I am a Muslim; my tongue stutters, my inner self taunts me and asks, “Do you consider yourself worthy of calling yourself a Muslim?” O Allah, my mother taught me Your verses when I was a child, but I ran away from them and became engrossed in the worldly life, following my own desires. O Allah, my condition was like that of a snake who shed Your religion like snake sheds its skin. O Allah, You said in the Quran: Thus, do We make clear the signs that they may return. O Allah, I have returned, so take me to Yourself. O Allah, I know that my character is not worthy of that. My beloved Lord, forgive me and make me Your obedient servant who is bound by Your commands, so that my inner self can say, “Now I am a Muslim.”

O Allah, embed in us Your love so that we love You with fullest heart and please You with our utmost effort. O Allah, embed in us the love of Your creation, especially man because, You love Your creation seventy folds more than their mothers. O Allah, make us compassionate, for You love those who care for others. O Allah, make us merciful, for You love those who are kind to others. O Allah, make us from those who forgive, for You love those who forgive others. O Allah, make us patient in adversity, for You love those who are patient. O Allah, make us generous, for You love generosity. O Allah, make us helpers of the oppressed, for You love those who help the oppressed. O Allah, make us well-wishers of our family, loved ones, friends, Muslims, and all humanity, for You love those who care for others. O Allah, make us among those who unite the Ummah through the Quran and Sunnah, not those who divide it. O Allah, the Prophet_(SAW) said that his Ummah will split into 73 sects, only one will enter Paradise, the one which will follow the Quran, his Sunnah and the Sunnah of his companions. O Allah, make us among them. O Allah, make us among those who turn to the Quran in times of trial and tribulation. Ameen!

O Allah, make us the true follower of Your religion. O Allah, we seek Your pleasure from Your displeasure, Your forgiveness from Your punishment, we seek Your refuge from You. O Allah, save us all Muslims from Hell, for it is the worst place to live. O Allah, we ask for repentance before death, we ask for comfort at the time of death, and we ask for forgiveness and comfort after death. O Allah, we ask for Your salvation at the time of reckoning, and entry to Paradise, and seek Your refuge from Hell. O Allah, we are pleased with You, so be pleased with us. O Allah, improve the conditions of our country Pakistan. Make us considerate of each other. O Allah, grant us the ability to lift the poor out of poverty. O Allah, remove the problems of the Muslims of Palestine, help them from the unseen, raise their spirits, and help them with a clear victory. Ameen!

O Allah, as a nation we have lost our way, guide us to the straight path. O Allah, return the Muslim nation to its golden age. O Allah, wherever Muslims are fighting oppression, help them with Your forces. O Allah, forgive all believers and create mutual love and affection in our hearts and set our relations right. O Allah, grant us victory over Your enemies, and our enemies. O Allah, send curse on the disbelievers who prevent people from Your path (religion), deny Your messengers and kill Your friends (Muslims). O Allah, cause division among them, and make their feet waver, and send upon them Your punishment, which You never turn away from the guilty nations. Ameen!

O Allah, grant us wisdom, so that we may understand what we read from the Quran, and grant us the ability to acknowledge its wonders, and grant us the good deeds that will accompany us. O Allah, You are the Exalted in Might. O Allah, all praise is due to You, You are the light of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and You are their sustainer. O Allah, all praise is due to You, You are the truth, Your promise is the truth, Your word is the truth, the return to You is the truth, Paradise is the truth, Hell is the truth, the Last Hour is the truth, all the prophets are the truth, and Muhammad is the truth. O Allah, we submit ourselves to You, we rely on You, we believe in You, we turn to You for

repentance, we argue for You, and we turn to You for judgment. Please forgive our past and future sins, whether we have committed them secretly or openly. You are the first and the last, and there is no god but You. O Allah! We are grateful to You for writing on Your Throne that Your mercy will prevail over Your anger. O Allah! Cover our sins in this world and the Hereafter. O Allah! Cover our sins in front of our beloved Prophet_(SAW). O Allah, send peace and blessings upon our Prophet_(SAW), his family, his family and his nation. Ameen!

zamaan se bai zaari pay, samajh aaya pyar tera

After being disgusted by the world, I understood Thy love

mein kaisay poora karoon ga, pichla hisaab tera

How will I ever fulfill Thy past account

kaha mujhe to hai sattar maaon se barh kar, pyara

Yee said, I love you seventy folds more than your mother

be khauf tu lout aa, ke mein muntazir hon tera

Fear not and come back, for I await you