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Dedication

I dedicate this book "Allah My Merciful Lord" to my parents, especially my mother who taught me to pray and fast at an early age; she also taught me how to recite the Quran in my childhood, and my father, who fed me with his halal (legal) earnings and provided me good education overseas, O Merciful Allah, forgive all their sins and make me sadqa jaria (a source of continuous charity) for them. Ameen!

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Preface

This is the revised edition of my book "Allah My Merciful Lord". The topic of my discussion is the Merciful Lord. I pray to Allah to grant me the ability to do justice with my topic in elaborating His Mercy and Loving attributes. I cannot encompass the love of a compassionate mother, how can I encompass the love of my Lord, who loves His creatures seventy-fold more than their mothers. The purpose of this book is to bring us servants closer to their Merciful Lord. That is why the first topic of the book is "Who is Allah?" With my limited ability, I will try to describe the Awe of Allah in a few words. I will also try to highlight some of his attributes so that his love gets embedded in our hearts. Clarifying the loving attributes of Allah is the main subject of my discussion. Since it is beyond human capability to do justice to this subject, I pray to Allah to forgive me if I overstep my bounds intentionally or unintentionally. And plead to Allah to accept this small token of my gratitude, and reward me, my parents, my family, relatives, friends, and all those who read it. Ameen! O Allah, Your mercy encompasses everything and don't deprive us of it. Ameen!

The question arises how to recognize Him? Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran that soon We will show them Our signs around them and within them, and the people of intellect will cry out, "This is the truth." Although the Quran is not a

book of science but signs, it contains verses related to scientific facts. I will discuss some of these verses mentioned in the Quran which have been proven by the modern scientists to be accurate, proving that the Quran is the word of God. Then I will discuss the signs around us and the signs within us. Once we ponder over the signs in the universe and the signs within ourselves, we will be forced to admit that Allah is the Truth and He is the One who has revealed this Quran for our guidance.

After having established that Allah and the Quran are the truth, I will then discuss the purpose of life in the light of the religious scripture. The Quran and the hadith of the Prophet^(SAW), tells us that the purpose of life after obeying and worshipping Allah is to acquire His attributes to come closer to Him. I will also discuss worldly trials, why they are important for our character building, and how Allah's attributes refine our character. Having established the above facts, then with my limited ability I will try to elaborate on Allah's mercy and love for His slaves. At this point I will suggest my readers read the next chapters of the book in seclusion, so that their tears may roll down in love of their Merciful Lord. This will embed His love in their hearts. I will also discuss Sadness and how Satan manipulates it for his ulterior motives. I will also discuss the benefits and impact of repentance. After my concluding comments, I will finish with a supplication. I would like to

conclude my preface with a verse from Mian Mohamed Bukhsh's poetry in which he says:

Sohni soorat tay aashaq hona aay kairi wodyai

What is so great in being a lover of a beautiful face

Ashiq bun too os sohnay daa jess aiy shakal banai

Be the lover of the Beautiful One who designed your face

O Allah, embed Your love in us so that we love You with fullest heart and please You with our utmost effort. O Allah, protect us from the wicked footsteps of Satan. O Allah, You said that You will forgive all sins of the believers except polytheism (if not repented in this life). O Allah, save us from being polytheist. O Allah, ordain for us Paradise and be pleased with us. Ameen!

In need of supplications,

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Who is Allah (the Merciful)

Allah is a unique Arabic word for the One True God. It comes from two Arabic root words, al (the) ilah (God) i.e., the God. He is the creator of everything from atoms to galaxies, from ants to whales, seas to trees, seasons to nights and days. He is most kind to His creatures. He is the source of all powers, and He is the most reliable. We cannot see Him in this world, but dwellers of Paradise will see His face clearly in the Hereafter (the Greatest Prize). He alone is worthy of worship with no rivals, equals or partners. There is no likeness or comparison between Allah and His creation. Nor does anyone share His divine powers and attributes. He is free of matter, time, and space. There is no partner or equal in the powers and actions of Allah. He alone created and runs the universe and everything in it without a second. He has no ancestors, nor any descendants, nor does He have a wife, nor any partners. He existed when nothing existed and will exist when everything perishes, He is immortal. All praises are for Allah, who is the King of all those who claim sovereignty. Only He has the right to legislate for his creation. He gives life and causes death, while He Himself is Ever Living, the Self Subsisting, the Eternal and the only Absolute Entity. All praise is due to Allah the Almighty, who has power over all things and there is no power that can either benefit or harm anyone without His permission. He is the One Who sent

His prophets and messengers with a common message of monotheism i.e., none is worthy of worship and obedience except Allah.

Allah is the One who created the earth and the seven heavens for a predestined time with its scientific laws. He controls the future, the present and the past. He is the only One who has the divine power to create other beings. He is the Most Gracious and Most Merciful, who has an abundance of mercy for everyone in this world, while in the Hereafter it will be only for the believers. He is the Absolute Sovereign with Absolute Dominion; He is free from all imperfections. He is the source of Peace and is the Guardian and the Protector of all His creatures. He is the Al-Mighty, the All-Compeller. He is the Majestic One, Who created everything from nothingness (Big Bang). He evolved them and fashioned them in different forms. He is the Forgiver of all sins. It is He Who provides sustenance to His creatures and opens worldly and religious matters for His slaves. Nothing is hidden from Him and He is All-Knowing. He is the One who constricts the sustenance by His wisdom and expands it with His generosity and mercy. He is the One who lowers whomever He wills and elevates whomever He wills. He gives esteem to whomever and He degrades whomever He wills. He is the All Hearing and the All-Seeing. He is the Just Ruler and His judgment is His word. He is most kind to His servants. He is All-Giving and All-Aware. He is the Most Forgiving and

appreciates the good deeds of His servants. He is the Most High and Great, and He is the protector of His creatures and has the power to do so. He is Sublime with the greatness of power and might. He is All Generous and All Watchful. He is the One who responds to the caller's call, and is All-Embracing, All-Wise, and All-Loving. He is the most glorious One with High Status, Generosity and Compassion. He will resurrect humans and jinns on the Day of Judgment. He is such a witness from Whose sight nothing is hidden. He is the One Who truly exists. He is The Trustee of His creation and is the only Dependable One. He is The Supporter, Who is worthy of all the praises and rest of his 99 attributes.

“And with Him are keys of hidden unseen, and He knows whatever is on land and whatever is in the sea, a leaf from tree does not fall except that Allah has full knowledge of it” (6:59). In a hadith the Prophet(SAW) tells us that it is already predestined on which side that leaf would land. There isn't a seed in the darkness of the earth, except that Allah has complete record of it in the Book. Nothing happens in His kingdom except with His permission. He is Allah, The Lord of the universe. Allah: the Everlasting, the Sustainer of the whole Universe; there is no god but He. He neither slumbers nor sleeps. Whatsoever is in the heavens, and the earth is His. Who can intercede with Him except by His own 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 the guarding of these does not weary Him. He alone is the Supreme and the Exalted (2-255). He is Allah, the One and Unique; Allah, Who needs no one and of Whom all are in need; He neither begets nor was He begotten, and none is comparable to Him (112:1-4). Nothing is comparable to Him, our definitions cannot encompass Him, the reasons cannot comprehend Him, He is transcendental, and we are finite, He transcends time, space and matter, while we are bound by it. He is immortal, we are mortals; there is no comparison between us and Him. He is Allah, our loving Lord, who deserves our praise and gratitude. We are his servants and slaves. Isn't the One who gave us life worthy of our praise and thanks, worthy of our worship and recognition? The purpose of life is to recognize and acknowledge our Creator, to conform to His laws, praise Him for His blessings, show gratitude to Him and worship Him. That is the initial, primary and fundamental purpose of our life. O Allah, we recognize You as our creator, we recognize You as our sustainer and we recognize You as our true beloved, the One Who bestows mercy upon us.

We can recognize him by his signs

Scientists agree that the universe has a design, and where there is design, there must be a creator. In Surah Mulk verses one to four of the Quran, the Creator Allah tells us: “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). This is a challenge from Allah to show fault in His creation. Further Allah in surah Fusaylat 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 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).

As time is of no essence for Allah. In my opinion what Allah is saying is that with passage of time science will confirm the signs presented in the Quran and prove beyond any reasonable doubt the existence of the Creator of the universe, and that Creator is Allah. A large majority of scientists believe that there is a creator but are confused as to who that creator is. The signs in the Quran are over wheedlingly pointing to the true creator (Allah, Elohim, Father). As per the above verses I will discuss signs in the Quran, the signs around us and the signs within us, to prove without

reasonable doubt that there is a creator, and that creator is Allah.

Signs in the Quran

The Quran has mentioned the creation of the universe with a Big Bang and that He is expanding the universe: **Did the unbelievers did not realize that the heavens and the earth were one solid mass, then We tore them apart** (21:30). **“And it is We Who have constructed the heavens with might, and verily, it is We Who are steadily expanding it”** (51:47). We must ask ourselves the questions. Who designed and created the universe, who maintains and controls the universe? As it is beyond human capability. Man stumbled on the theory as recent as late twentieth century. It was then they discovered that the universe had a beginning, and it began with an explosion from nothingness (no matter, no energy and no time existed). The Big Bang theory replaced the old bogus Steady State theory that said that universe always existed and will exist till eternity. Today science acknowledges that the universe has a beginning, and it is steadily expanding. This fact was revealed in the Quran 1400 years ago. Is this a fluke? Of course not!

“Indeed, We have adorned the nearest heaven with magnificent lamps and made them a mean to drive out Satanic devils. For these devils We have prepared a blazing fire” (67:5). This verse tells us that all stars and galaxies are in the first heaven. Our Solar system is just a dot in the Milky Way in

which it resides and there are hundreds of billions of stars and planets in the Milky Way and there are hundreds of billions of Milky Ways in the first heaven. These Milky Ways have planets like VY Canis Majoris which is a billion times larger than our Sun, and the sun is million times larger than our Earth. As per Hadith of Prophet(SAW), the first heaven is like a ring in the Sahara Desert to the second heaven and same applies to the 2nd heaven in comparison to 3rd heaven, 3rd to the fourth, and 4th to the 5th, and 5th to the 6th, and 6th to the 7th, and 7th to the Sidratul-Muntaha, and the Sidratul-Muntaha to the Throne, what more Allah knows. Who created this just huge incomprehensible universe in the first heaven with billions of light years long radius from nothingness with a Big Bang? Did it happen by chance? Did the universe come into being without a plan, without a design and without any controls? Did the planets and stars use their brains to find their orbits so that they do not collide? No, **the Merciful** created and designed them. The Quran told us 1400 years ago that the universe was created from nothingness with a Big Bang and that the universe is expanding. What a bang that created such an infinite universe (because explosions destroy, not create). Was this by fluke? No, the creator created it with His wisdom. Only fools think that this world came into being by accident. Accidents tend to break things, not create things. For example, if my car is not working, if I go and have an accident, will that repair my car or break

it altogether? When scholar Mirza Yawar Baig was asked a question, Darwin says that we evolved from apes and you say we are progeny of Adam_(AS), then who is right. His response was superb; he said both are right because each knows his family.

Allah asks in Surah An-Naba: “Is it not a fact that We have made the earth a flat bed and set the mountains as pegs on it (78:6-7).” Recently it was discovered that less than a third of the mountain is above the ground while the rest is beneath the surface. The mountains act like pegs that help in stabilizing the two crust plates of the earth. Similarly, in another verse the shifting of mountains with crust plates is mentioned. The Quran mentioned these facts, fourteen hundred years ago. Is this a fluke? Why don’t we take heed?

Allah says in the Quran: “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: By the sky that is full of paths and orbits (51:47). These facts communicated in the Quran have been discovered by astronomical observations in our age. According to experts, all planets and stars are moving in their prescribed orbits, and they don’t collide. That is what the Quran told us fourteen hundred years ago, proving it was revealed to us by the Creator,

Allah. These are the signs which Allah said, “soon they shall see”, and the signs are getting more and more evident with passage of time.

Allah in the Quran says: We made sky a preserved and protected roof, 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 towards heaven and arranged it into seven regular heavens. He has knowledge of all things (2:29). In two days, He determined them seven heavens and revealed, in every heaven, its own mandate (41:12). Today science has proved that, if seven different layers of atmosphere did not exist, life on earth would not be possible. We are still not able to send man in outer space of earth. We still don't have any costumes to protect us from that extremely harmful radiation. The moon ride was a hoax. The Americans rocket technology at the time of moon landing was in its infancy, there rockets busted halfway. There was no other attempt at sending manned expeditions to the moon, even though they have a space station in the outer layers of the earth's atmosphere. Why? The reason being, they are still not able to protect humans from the strong radiation. Is this fluke? Use your reasoning.

We sent down iron in which there lies great force, and which has many uses for mankind (57:25). This verse implies a very important miracle of the Quran, because the modern scientific findings tell us that iron and all heavy metals can only be produced in the nucleus of giant stars called super

nova. When iron and heavy metals increase above a certain level in the nucleus of the super nova then it explodes. Our earth did not produce iron on its own; it came down with Meteoroid that fell on the earth. This is something we learnt some years back and the Quran told us fourteen hundred years ago. Can this be a fluke? Use your intellect.

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 will be raised (43:11). The quantity of rain has been recently calculated by scientists. 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 as mentioned in the above verse and returning cycle of rain mentioned in Surah Tariq. By the returning skies that send down rain (86:11). Ponder into the signs, open your heart to the truth. Can all these signs be flukes?

He_(SWT) unleashed the two seas so that they merge, and yet there is a barrier between them which they may not overstep (55:19-20). This property of the sea was recently discovered by oceanographers. According to them different density water with their different surface tensions, stops the seas from mingling. Can this be a fluke? Think!

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. Was this a fluke or did the Creator tell us?

We made every living creature out of water. Will they, then, not believe ^(21:30)? Again, science has recently learnt that all living creatures are made from water as their main ingredient. The total weight of water in any living thing is above 65 percent. We cannot imagine we are 65% water. Was this a fluke? Think!

In the Quran Allah said to Pharaoh when he was drowning and pleaded that he believes. Allah said "now" and that He_(SWT) will preserve his body for generations to come as a sign for people of understanding ^(10:92). Pharaoh's body was discovered in 1898 at a place called Jabalian. The body is approximately 3000 years old, and it has been preserved without any mummification and removal of its internal organs, and it is more persevered than the mummified bodies. The whole Pharaoh's army drowned but only Pharaoh's body was saved from the sea, because Allah promised only to save his body. Because of this verse of the Quran, one of the archeologists who recovered the body reverted to Islam.

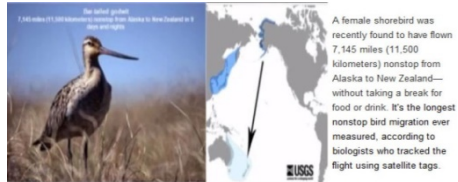
“Had there been other deities apart from Allah in the heavens and the earth, the order of both (the heaven and the earth) would have gone to ruins. Glory be to Allah, the Lord of the Throne, Who is far above their false descriptions of Him (21:22-23). Allah has taken none as offspring, and no other deity is a partner with him, had it been so, every deity would have been an independent ruler over its creation; moreover, in that case they would have tried to override one another (23:91). Allah says in the Quran that if there were more than one God, the whole system would have collapsed. Each god would try to destroy what the other created and each one would try to attain supremacy over other gods. The creatures would be in lots of trouble. To destroy the universe only a wee bit, change in one planet’s orbit should be enough to start the chain reaction of collisions that would destroy the whole universe and re-collapse it to nothingness (state prior to Big Bang). We can’t have two kings in a kingdom or two presidents in a country because each would fight the other, and the whole system would collapse. Allah is alone without the second. This is why the universe which started thirteen billion years ago still prevails with its system.

My actual topic of discussion is Allah the Merciful, that is why I have only discussed a few miracles of the Quran. There are over twenty-six miracles of the Quran which have so far been validated by science. I will discuss a few signs around us under two headings.

The signs around us (Birds)

I will try to show you some external signs with examples given by scholar Mirza Yawar Baig, in his lecture “Connection with Allah”. These examples of birds are the explanation of verse 19 of Surah Mulk and verse 79 of Surah Al-Nahal, which says: **Do they not see the birds above them with wings outspread and folded in? None holds them aloft except the Most Merciful. Indeed, He is All Seeing** (67:19). **“Have they never observed how the birds are poised in the vault of heaven? Who holds them up but Allah? Surely there are signs in this for those who believe.** (16:79).

To start with, I will discuss a small bird called **Bar Tailed Godwit**. This bird has the longest migratory flight (non-stop from Alaska to New Zealand). It covers 11500 KM, in 9 days and 9 nights without food, water, rest and sleep. A small bird weighing 400 gm. contemplates such large energy in a small body to endeavor its journey to New Zealand and back. **Why and how? Can't Allah provide food where it resides and must send it on a long flight to New Zealand! This is a sign that it did not evolve itself because it could have never known that there was food 11500 KM away, rather Allah created and embedded in its genes this journey to show us that a task that is**



impossible becomes possible if Allah wills. It is a sign for people of intellect.

The second example is that of Bar Headed Geese.

Bar Headed Geese: It takes off from Siberia, goes straight up above 33000 feet and hits the jet stream current to deliver them where



Dr Bishop added that these geese may represent "the limit" of what birds are capable of. "They have found a way to cross the world's longest and highest land mass - over 1,000km (1,000 miles) - relatively easily." "They don't train or acclimatise," he said. "They could walk on the top of Everest and have no problems at all." He and other biologists hope, eventually, to understand the genetics of what makes these animals able to perform energetic feats at such high altitudes.

they want to go. The jet stream current circles the globe and the temperature in the jet stream could go as low as minus 56 degrees Celsius with only 10% oxygen of sea level. When mountaineers climb high altitude mountains (more than 12000 ft.), they must have oxygen with them. If they don't, they will faint and die. Yet this bird flies at higher altitude without problem. **How?** The scientists say it breathes better with literally no oxygen. Wow! The other question that arises is how does it raise itself to that height (because when the air density decreases the upward thrust will decrease)? Who taught the bar headed geese about the jet stream current, and how does it survive in temperature of -56 Celsius, and how it breathes? This is not evolution, it is a design. This is Allah showing us his signs. Let's use our intellect.

Rüppell's Griffon Vulture is a large vulture that occurs throughout the Sahel region of central Africa. Ruppell's vulture is considered to be the highest-flying bird, with confirmed evidence of a flight at an altitude of 11,300 m (37,000 ft.)

above sea level with temperatures as low as -40 Celsius. It is still unknown as to why they are sometimes seen at these ridiculously high altitudes. The question arises, how do they get the thrust to fly at that height, how do they breathe, with less than 10% oxygen and how do they keep themselves warm in gustily winds of -40 Celsius. These are signs for people who ponder in the creations of the universe. This did not happen through random selection; Allah has given it the best-balanced design.



Ruby Throated Hummingbird. This small little bird beats its wings at more than 3000 times per minute and is 3" in length and weighs 4 gm. It migrates from South America flying over the Gulf of Mexico to the bank of Mississippi River in United States without a visa. The distance covered 2000 KM in a non-stop flight of 26 hours without food, water, rest and sleep. In the dark pitch night, it does not lose its direction. Why and how? Why doesn't it lose its direction, what ensures that this bird continues to fly and is held up in the air. Who ensures that the bird is supported in its flight? These are the signs of Allah for us to ponder and reflect.



The signs around us (Animals):

These examples of the animals are the explanation of the verse (11:6) which says, “There is no creature on the earth but that upon Allah is its provision. He knows its place of dwelling and place of storage. All is in clear register.” Subhan-Allah!!!

Allah created **Blue Whale** more than hundred feet long, 200 tons in weight. It's the largest creature that ever existed on earth. The blue whale has the

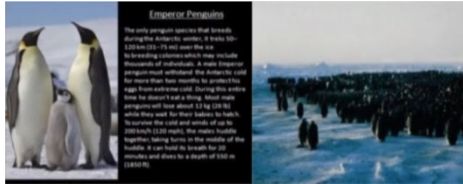
strength to force its 200 tons' weight completely out of water to become airborne. The size of blue whale heart is roughly the size of an



average car. The call (sound) of the blue whale is 188 decibels thirty-five percent more than the sound of jet plane and its sound can be heard across the Pacific Ocean. The tongue weighs four tons (weight of an Asian elephant). The blow from its nostril is a single stream fifty feet high. Its calf weighs 2700 Kg and drinks 400 liters of milk per day. Its mouth can hold 90 tons of water while the dump truck holds only 10 tons, and yet it cannot swallow anything bigger than a beach ball. It eats 40 M Krill (3600 Kg) per day. What is Krill a small prawn, size of a small insect, with a life span of ten years and weighs less than one gram? A thing which is that big, eats a thing that small, why? If it had evolved, then it should be

eating sharks etc. This is a sign for us to see. The One Who created the blue whale is the one who feeds it and makes sure that its sustenance is always there for it. This is Allah, showing His signs to people who want to understand the truth.

Emperor Penguins are the larger species of penguin, with male penguin standing six feet tall. Penguins eat fish so they should stay close to the sea. On the contrary when they are ready to



breed the penguins walk up to 120 KM inland (continuous walking for more than 24 hours) on the arctic ice, and when they reach there, the female penguin lays a single egg, and the male takes the egg on to his feet and then covers the egg with the fold of his belly to keep it warm. The females after having laid their eggs, go back to the sea and disappear. The male Emperor Penguin has to withstand the Arctic cold with conditions of -50 degree Celsius with gale force winds for over two months without food and water. If the egg falls from the feet of the penguin, it will be destroyed instantly because of the cold, even before the male could pick it up. Why walk 120 KM further into a colder region? This is not an accident; this is a design of Allah. This is a sign for us to ponder.

The picture below is that of **Mariana Trench**. The Mariana Trench is a ditch in the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Japan and Mariana

Islands. It is so deep that if you put Mount Everest there, the mountain will sink, and you will have 2 KM of water above it. The second picture shows a submarine that has been newly



invented and created by Branson. It is designed to go to the bottom of Mariana Trench and can only carry a single passenger. It will be the first time it will happen. It is made of Carbon Fiber and Titanium, because the pressure at the bottom of Mariana Trench is estimated to be 8 tons/square inch i.e. weight of 74 Boeing 747 aircraft on the submarine. Mariana trench is in total darkness all year round, because the sunlight cannot reach such depths. The temperature at the bottom of the trench is 4 Celsius. **What lives there?** The third picture shows the animals that live there. They are the **Fang Tooth Fish, Angler Fish, and Sucker Octopus** etc. They emit light powered by the chemical reactions in their bodies. **They are living in the trench at a pressure of 8 tons/inch without titanium plates. Occasionally they come up to the surface. Who provides it with food to eat? How do they sustain the pressure? These are Allah's signs for us to take heed.**

The internal signs (human body)

The Quran says: “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” (41:52). Let’s investigate how Allah created humans and the signs He has embedded in us.

Reproduction system

First let’s look at how the human reproduction system works. A microscopic unicellular cell with armor to penetrate egg skin in the oval, when ejected, knows the direction it must follow. It carries 50% DNA information with it (detailed information about shape, size, color and other features of the body and organs). The cell and ovary unite to form a clot of blood, and then from clot it turns into piece of meat, then bones take shape, and then the meat covers the bones and child is born (23:14). When inside the womb in three layers of darkness, the fetus gets its food and oxygen from mother’s blood via Placenta. On birth the Placenta is cut, and the baby starts receiving food from the two streams of milk that erupt in the breast of the mother simultaneously. Is it possible that this complicated process happened by chance? No, it has a design and where there is design, there must be a creator, and that creator is Allah.

Brain

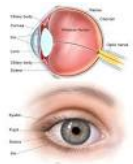
Brain is a 3-pound mass, which constitutes 73% water and 16% fat. It has 100 billion neurons, plus a trillion glial cells. It preforms 100000 chemical reactions per second and is powered by 10-watt electricity. The brain has a capacity of 2.5 million GB of data. The fastest computer to date, is



Japanese K computer, also called the Super-computer. It would take eighty thousand Japanese K computers, forty minutes to simulate one second of brain activity. **The K computer did not produce itself by chance, but the brain did???** **Does it make sense?** No, it was designed and created by Allah the merciful.

Eyes

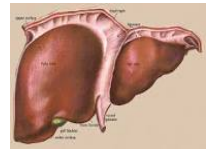
Human eyes are 1" across and weigh 56gm. In digital terms, the eye is 576 megapixels. A good camera is 15 megapixels. The human eye can distinguish 10 million colors. Our eyeballs remain the same size from birth. Eyelashes keep dirt out of our eyes and eyebrows prevent sweat dripping into our eyes. An eye has more than 200 million working parts and contains 107 million light sensitive cells. **Cornea which allows the light to enter the eye is the only tissue without blood vessels (by chance??).** Eye blinks 4 million times a year and needs no rest. Focusing muscle of the human eye moves one million times every day. Each human optic nerve contains from 770000 to 1.7 million nerve fibers, each for one retina, which is connected to multiple photoreceptor cells. These optic nerves pass through tiny optic canal to brain. **Fingerprints have 40 unique characteristics while Iris has 256 unique characteristics (in digital terms more complicated than memory bits); that is why retina scans are increasingly being used for security purposes.** Humans have yet to find a way to transplant an



eyeball because the optic nerves are extremely sensitive and complicated to reconstruct successfully. **Can this be by chance? Impossible!** It's a design with microscopic details, and its designer and the creator, is Allah the Almighty. The One Who initiated the Big Bang.

Liver

The liver is responsible for providing glucose to the brain, filtering toxins, battling infections, and storing nutrients and vitamins. It processes all medicines that humans take. It produces a bile to help in the digestion of food. It stores excessive sugar and produces enzymes and chemicals to help blood clot during injury. It produces chemicals to fight infections. It filters 1.5 liters of blood per minute. It is also called the factory of the body. It would require cities full of chemical plants to produce different chemicals which just a cell of the liver produces. **The chemical plants must be built, but the liver evolved by chance!!! Does that make sense? No, Allah designed it and created it with perfection covering all body needs.**



Lungs

Both lungs weigh 1.3 kgs, protected by rib cage. It breathes 11000 liters of air per day. It gives oxygen to the body and removes carbon dioxide from it. The total length of air passage in the lungs is 2400 km, with 600 million alveoli. **Could this whole structure come into being by chance? Simple designs are**



regarded as manmade, while complicated designs are thought to have evolved by chance. Does it make sense? If we use our intellect and wisdom, we will cry out that it was created by Allah.

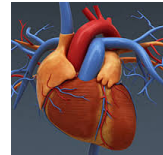
Kidneys

Humans have two kidneys 4.5” long and weigh 4-6 ounces, it too is protected by the rib cage. The blood flow in the kidney is higher than the heart, liver and the brain. There are around one million nephrons in each kidney for filtration. If nephrons are placed end to end it will cover 16 KM. It filters out waste produced by the body and passes it out via urine. The kidneys filter and recycle 180 liters or 50 gallons of blood daily non-stop. The filtration capacity of kidneys is 266% of the requirement. **Can this be by chance?** Subhan-Allah! It can never be by chance; It’s a design and Allah is its creator.



Heart

Heart is one giant muscular pump, slightly tilted towards left side in the center of your chest. It is a tireless worker. The heart does the most physical work in the body. It does not stop, even when we sneeze. The pumping sound is not made by the heart, but by the valves. Heart is the size of an average fist, and pumps 1.5 gallons of blood every minute. It pumps blood into the body’s 75 trillion cells except the corneas. The left lung is smaller than the right lung to make room for the



heart. The heart starts to beat four weeks after conception and keeps pumping till death. Heart weighs 8-10 ounces. The length of blood vessels in the body where the heart pumps blood is roughly 160,000 km. Heart pumps 1.5 million barrels of blood in an average life span. Women have 50% more blood during pregnancy. Blood circulates our body in less than 30 seconds. Large, externally powered mechanical pumps do not last long, neither can they pump through such long and extremely thin veins and must be repaired and replaced regularly. But the one which was formed by chance, keeps running nonstop till death. Amazing! What will it take to accept the truth?

Conclusion on signs

If we look at the signs in the universe, and the signs around us, and the signs in the human body and its organs, they all testify to the fact that there is a creator, who has created everything with a purpose. It is not possible that this design with variations, synchronicity, symmetry, system, its maintenance, and infinite variety could have come about by chance. We would all agree that it is beyond human capacity. Being the sole source of matter, energy, power and existence, it is the prerogative of the Creator to be recognized, loved, obeyed and worshipped. Allah is the sole source of existence. Call him Almighty, call him God, address him as Father, call him by any good name, the meaning is the same. We are His subjects and subordinates. Only the Creator has

the absolute right to legislate and adjudicate. We call him Allah.

I agree with what scholar Mirza Yawar Baig said. He said that it is a pity that our scholars teach the Quran as if there is no universe, and the scientists teach the universe as if there is no God. Recently, scientists while investigating the universe were baffled as to why the stars and planets do not collide with each other. When an explosion happens, the initial velocity is high, and it slows down with passage of time. Scientists were expecting that the expansion of the universe would be slowing down. On the contrary it is expanding at a faster rate (see Ref#21). They came up with a theory that there is dark mass and dark energy that prevents the collision and is also accelerating the expansion of the universe. What is dark mass and dark energy, they don't know; it's a name given by them to explain the unexplained phenomena. A learned scholar who has in-depth knowledge of the Quran and the universe would have said that Allah says "He has placed angels to safeguard all creations (angels are made up of noor (pure energy) (86:4). When the people of Taif rejected the teachings of Muhammad(SAW) and seriously injured him. He(SAW) prayed to Allah, and Allah sent the angel of mount Abu Qubais, and angel of another mountain. These angels were the guardians of the two mountains. They were ready to squeeze the two mountains together on the order of Prophet(SAW) and kill the residents of Makkah and

Taif. The answer is very simple! Allah Almighty has angels for every chore. One may call it Dark Energy, Dark Mass or call it angels, the phenomena stay's the same.

Scientists say that the life of our universe is 13 billion years. To make one human protein by chance, it was calculated that it would require 643 million billion years. What about carbohydrates, fats, minerals etc. to unite in exact percentages to form a human cell. It will require multiplying millions of billions raise to power number of requirements. Our body is roughly made up of 65% water, 18.5% carbon, 9.5% hydrogen and 3.3% nitrogen. For an average human it would be 14 gallons of water, 35 pounds of charcoal and 24 pounds of air, and if we put all of that in one bag. How many years do we need to shake it, to come up with a human being? Do we still think we came into being by chance!! With all the technology we have, we are not able to create a robot as sophisticated as human beings. With all the technologies we have, we are not able to create a camera which is close to the human eye with 576 Megapixels. With all the technologies we have, we are no way near to creating a pump close to the human heart, that can pump 7200 liters through minutely thin veins and arteries of 160000 Km daily without complications, for the entire life span. With all the technologies we have, we are not able to create a filtration system close to a kidney, which can pump and filter 180-liters of blood daily without rest for the entire life

span. **Do you still think we came into existence by chance?** No, we were created by Allah, the Merciful.

We are not ready to accept that a simple common pin, drinking glass can come into existence by chance, and strongly believe that it was created, and yet with all the sophistications in the universe, we are ready to accept that it all evolved by chance. In the Quran, Allah Almighty challenges all the scientists and people of knowledge that if they all get together to create a fly, they can never do so; they cannot even create the wing of the fly. He also says that if the fly took away part of their meal, they cannot recover it. In the Quran Allah gives to men of thinking another challenge: **Allah Who created the seven heavens one upon another. You will see no incongruity in Merciful One'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.** (67:3-4). **Is this by chance!!!** Anyway, most scientists agree there must be a cause that created the universe from nothingness. That cause is Allah.

Let us suppose that a person tells you in an auditorium that when you leave, collect ten thousand rupees on your way out for free. Just leave your name and thank the person who is giving out the money. We will stand in a queue, and we will thank him. **My question to my reader, what about thanking Allah for our eyes, our**

brains, our kidneys, all our body parts, our lives, our children, and the resources we have been given? Or do we think we earned it. No, we and everything we have belongs to Allah. When a child is growing up, he knows his parents and respects them, because they nurtured him, they guided him; solved all his educational problems. We should always be grateful and indebted to our parents. Similarly, we must recognize, respect, obey, worship and love our sustainer “Allah”, Who created us, our parents, and their parents, and their parents..., and bestowed on us His blessings.

O Muslims, to get the sense of closeness to Allah, we should read the Quran with understanding. The scripture of Allah the Quran is the closest we will ever get to Allah in this world. We should develop love for the scripture of Allah. It came to us as a spoken word, not a written word. The Prophet(SAW) heard it from Gabriel and the companions heard it from the blessed lips of Muhammad(SAW). No qari can match the recitation of the one who received the Word. We should concentrate at the state of our hearts while reciting the Quran. Allah said in Surah Anfal that verily when Allah is mentioned, the heart of a believer shivers with fear, majesty and awe of Allah, and when the verses of Allah are recited to him, it increases his belief (8:2). These are the men and women who have Allah with them. Remember, it is not destined for us to see Allah in this life, only the people of Paradise will see His

Most Merciful, Most Loving Face. O' Allah
destine for us to see Your Blessed Face. Ameen!

After observing the signs in the creations of Allah, from outside and inside, we have no alternative but to recognize the creator Allah. Those who recognize Allah (their creator), their thoughts immediately go to the Hereafter and say O' Allah save us from the punishment of the Hellfire. Those people who understood their Lord are obedient to Him. They are the people who observe the signs with open eyes and with open ears and have the urge for the truth. When they contemplate in the creations of the heavens and the earth and the signs within; they spontaneously call out: O' our Lord You did not create this aimlessly or by accident; exalted are You (above such things) (3:191). They know He is Allah, the Lord of Abraham_(AS), Moses_(AS), Jesus_(AS) and Muhammad_(SAW). On the other hand, those people who have blindfolded themselves, plugged their ears, closed themselves in a box, there is no cure and salvation for them.

Purpose of Life

In a nutshell the purpose of life can be described as:

- a) To recognize and acknowledge the creator.
- b) To conform yourself to the laws of the Creator.
- c) To praise Him, be grateful to Him and worship Him.
- d) Coloring yourself in the colors of Allah (His attributes).

The signs in the universe, the signs around us, and the signs within us force us to recognize and acknowledge the Creator. Once we recognize and acknowledge the Creator, we must follow the laws of that Creator. Consequently, we will consider the creator worthy of our praise, love, gratitude and worship. My fourth topic of discussion is to acquire and conform to the attributes of Allah. According to a hadith in Tafseer Razi (Ref#4), in which it is mentioned that Prophet told us to acquire the attributes of Allah. The Quran says: Say, “Take Allah’s color (attributes), and who can give a better color than Allah (2:138)? Dr. Jeffry Lang elaborated this in his lecture “The Purpose of Life”. So, I would suggest my readers to watch Dr. Jeffry Lang’s lecture “The Purpose of life”. This lecture can be seen on YouTube. I was inspired by this lecture and by other good scholars. May Allah bestow His mercy; His blessings and His rewards on all of them? Ameen

Allah created man with reason and intelligence and sent him to the testing ground of this world

with freedom of choice. During his stay on earth, man often encounters evil and good to test his faith. Humans often suffer socially due to their wrong choices in this world and will also be held accountable for their actions in the Hereafter. Allah allows this because the three factors intellect (reasoning), choice and suffering are essential in attaining our faith. One of the fundamental reasons for the sufferings in this world is that people ignore or reject God's signs. When a person does not act with reason, he gets seduced by the crooked scholars and starts following them blindly. Such insidious religious leaders have ruined the religion. That is why Allah in the Quran says: *They have made their scholars and monks as their Lords beside Allah, and likewise the Messiah, the son of Mary, although they were enjoined not to worship any other than the One Deity, besides Whom there is none worthy of worship. He is pure and free from what they associate with Him (9:31).* They commit polytheism.

Allah in the Quran says that He has revealed signs, lessons and admonishing to make things clear for us, so that we may use our intellect. From the Quran's viewpoint, reasoning and faith are allies, just like false logic and false beliefs are allies. Its verses urge us to establish our stance on clear evidence and proofs and not to stick blindly to traditions. The message is clear; to gain faith, we must transcend our inherent notions and examine our beliefs through reason and wisdom.

Allah says: There is no compulsion and coercion regarding religion. The right thing has been made distinct from the wrong. Now whoever rejects falsehood and believes in Allah has taken a firm support that never gives way. He is All-Hearing and All-Knowledgeable (2:256). Enlightenment has come to us from our Lord; thus, he who sees with an open mind, does it for his own good, and he who is blind, is so to his own hurt. If Allah wished, He would have guided us all and made us one community. Freedom of choice has been given to us. The Quran clearly states that we will be tested. That is, we will suffer in this worldly life, because it plays an important role in acquiring the attributes of Allah and developing our faith. We must struggle in the path of Allah, to achieve the purpose of life. Prosperity and calamities are the means of trials.

The worldly environment has been made to be an environment of adversity and suffering, to build in us the qualities and the attributes of Allah. We must pursue the uphill climb, what is the uphill climb? Uphill climb is to free a slave, to feed an orphan, to reach a fellow human who suffers (90:11-12). Today, people are suffering all around the world, and we have turned a blind eye towards them. Taking care of them is the uphill climb, we must be sensitive to their needs. This is what Islam is. This feeling is central to our character building. This world is the center stage for building our personality. We will carry this personality to the Hereafter. We are here to

develop a relationship with Allah and come closer to Him, by acquiring His attributes. Suppose if someone wanted to get closer to a certain person, then that person would have to adapt himself to that person's likes and attributes. Similarly, if we want to be close to Allah, we must develop within ourselves the qualities that please Him. The suffering in this world builds the characteristics that Allah wants to build in us. Allah wants us to be compassionate to others, because He is Al-Rehman the source of compassion, and loves compassionate people. He wants us to be merciful to others, because He is Al-Rahim the Merciful, and He loves soft hearted people. He wants us to develop the habit of forgiving people for their transgressions, because He is Al-Ghafoor, the One who loves forgiving, and He loves those who forgive. He wants us to be just, because He is Al-Hakam, Al-Adal, Al-Muksit, The Judge, The Just One, The Equitable, and loves those who are just. One group of people that would be under the shade of Allah on the Day of Judgment are the just rulers and judges. He wants us to become the guardian of the weak, because He is Al-Muhaymin, The Guardian of all, and He loves those who take care of the weak. He wants us to promote peace, because He is Al-Salam the source of peace, and He loves those who promote peace. He wants us to subdue the oppressor, because He is Al-Kahhar the Subduer, and loves those who side with the oppressed. He wants us to bestow favors to the people, because He is Al-

Wahab, The One Who Bestows favors. He wants us to take care of the needy, because He is Al-Razzaq, The sustainer. He wants us to be wise and knowledgeable, because He is Al-Hakeem, The Wise. He wants us to love others because; He is Al-Wadood, The Loving One. He wants us to be awe-inspiring, because He is Al-Jalil, The Sublime One. He wants us to be generous to others, because He is Al-Kareem, The Generous One. He wants us to be responsive to people's request, because He is Al-Mujeeb, The One who responds to requests. He wants us to be truthful, because he is Al-Haq, The Truth. He wants us to be firm in our convictions, because He is Al-Mateen, The Firm One. He wants us to be friendly, because He is Al-Waly, The Friend. He wants us to be forbearing, because He is Al-Haleem, The Forbearing. He wants us to accept the repentance of others, because He is Al-Tawab, The acceptor of repentance. He wants us to pardon people, because He is Al-Afoo, The pardoner. He wants us to guide people to faith, because He is Al-Hadi, Al-Rasheed, The Guide, The One Who guides to the right path. He wants us to be patient, because He is As-Saboor, The Patient One etc.... Building these attributes in Muslim community is necessary to inspire people to Islam. Islam was spread in the world by people who had developed the above attributes in their character. Non-Believers were inspired by their character and accepted Islam. These are the people for whom Allah says: *We will surely put*

you to trial by involving you in fear and hunger and by causing loss of property, life and earnings. And give good tidings to those who remain steadfast in these trials: when a misfortune comes to them, they say, "We are Allah's, and we shall certainly return to Him (2:155-156)."

Just like pork is forbidden from halal category of cattle, similarly from the attributes of Allah, arrogance (Al-Mutakabbir) is forbidden for the humans. This is because arrogance nurtures hatred between humans, and as a result people treat each other badly. Although, Allah the High being the ruler of the universes deserves this attribute, and yet He is not arrogant. Allah says when his servant moves one step forward towards Him; He moves two steps forward towards him. When His servant walks towards Him, He runs towards him. When a disobedient servant repents, He is pleased with him and forgives him. When someone calls on him, He replies, O My servant I am here. What a Master? This attribute is not of arrogance but of extreme love, a love that is seventy folds more than the love of a mother. An arrogant heart can never love. When we look at history, we find that arrogant rulers massacred humans mercilessly. The current arrogant rulers from the race of Gog and Magog have killed more than a billion people. This is why Allah says that an arrogant heart will never enter or smell the fragrance of Paradise.

Examples from the Quran

I will present my case with some examples from the Quran. “O you servants of Mine who believe, be afraid of your Lord. A good end awaits those who did good in this world. Allah's earth is spacious. Verily those who persevere shall be granted their reward beyond all reckoning.” (39:10). Allah is saying that those people who show patience, when calamity befalls them, their reward will be limitless and that they will go to Paradise without accounting. Subhan-Allah!

Those who, for the love of Him, feed the needy, and the orphan, and the captive (76:8). The mindset of the believer is such that he gives, not to be thanked, nor to be recompensed, nor for any other reason, except for the sake of Allah. Allah loves merciful and charitable people.

Let not your resentment against those, who have barred you from visiting the Kaabah, incite you so much as to transgress the prescribed limit. Nay, cooperate with all in what is good and pious, and do not cooperate in what is sinful and wicked. Fear God, for Allah is severe in retribution (5:2). This verse is telling us not to let our rage make us exceed the prescribed limit of punishment for the excesses committed against them. In another verse He says, but if you forgive it is better for you. Further Allah asks us to cooperate in good and pious matters and not to cooperate in sinful and wicked matters. This verse asks us to be just and forgiving. Keep your Pledges, for you shall

be held accountable for your pledges (17:34). What Allah wants from us is that a believer fulfills his promise. Allah keeps His promise and loves that the believers keep their promises.

Have you seen him who denies the hereafter? It is he who drives away the orphan and does not urge the feeding of the poor. Then woe to those praying ones, who are heedless of their prayer, who do good to be seen and withhold common necessities (from the people) (107:1-7). This Surah tells us that those who disbelieved would not take care of the orphans and urge the feeding of the poor. He will withhold common necessities from the people (i.e., he will hoard necessities instead of being sympathetic). While a believer will take care of the orphans, feed the poor and will not withhold necessities from people to make big money. This is because the believer must be considerate, passionate, and merciful, and he does it solely for the sake of Allah. Indeed, Allah commands you to render trust to their owners and when you judge between people, to judge with justice (4:58). This verse tells us that a believer is trustworthy and will return the trust to their rightful owner and will judge people with justice. Allah loves trustworthy and just people because, He is Al-Adal (the Just), Al-Hakam.

Allah is the Helper and Protector of those who believe in Him (2:257). Allah is the friend of the believers, because He is Al-Wali, and wants us to be friendly towards his creation. We are not

allowed to kill animals for fun sake, because He loves His creation.

Believers fear Allah and speak the truth (33:70). Allah orders the believers to say what is the truth, because He is Al-Haq (the Truth) and wants the believers to be always truthful, even if it is against themselves or their loved ones.

People in paradise will ask the people in Hellfire, what brought them there. They will say that they did not pray **and did not feed the hungry** (74:40-44). The five-time prayers help in refraining from sins. Allah loves that we be passionate and feed the poor. He loves feeding his creation in the universe.

Those among you, who are bountiful and people of means, should not swear an oath that they will withhold their help from their relatives, the indigent and those who have left their homes for the cause of Allah. They should forgive and forbear. **Do you wish Allah to forgive you?** And Allah is forgiving and merciful (24:22). Abu Bakr Siddiq_(RA) had set an allowance for his relative Mistah, which he used to give him regularly. Mistah was in the forefront with Abdullah bin Abi in slandering Hazrat Ayisha_(RA), his daughter and the mother of the believers. When Allah acquitted her, Abu Bakr Siddiq_(RA) vowed that he will discontinue his allowance and will never help him again. The verse of the Quran descended, telling him not to sever relations, and not to hold back the allowance. Abu Bakr Siddiq_(RA) retracted from

his promise and increased the allowance. This is because Allah loves the believers who do not keep grudges, but rather forgive, and do not sever their relations with their relatives and friends and are soft-hearted.

And hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of Allah and be not divided, among yourselves (3:103). Allah loves unity among believers. We can only unite if we acquire and hold tightly to the attributes of Allah, guidance of the Quran and the sunnah of the Prophet(SAW).

And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him (65:3). Allah is our trustee and whosoever puts his trust in Allah, He will suffice him. A sahabi said when his supplications were accepted, he was pleased, and when his supplication was not accepted, then he was pleased ten times more. This was because supplication was his choice, and not granting it was the choice of Allah, in whom he trusts more.

Examples from Hadith

It is narrated by Jarir bin Abdullah(RA), that Prophet said that those people will stay out of the fold of the mercy of Allah, who do not have mercy on others (Muslim, Kitab-ul-Fazail, No. 6030, Ref#9). Another Hadith narrated by Abdullah bin Amar bin Aas, who said that the Prophet said that those who take pity and are merciful to others, the Merciful Lord will have mercy on them (Sunan Abu Dawood, No. 4941, Ref#7).

Huzaifa_(RA) narrated that the Prophet said that in the past, angel of death came to collect a man's soul. He asked the dying man if he had done any good deeds. The man said that he does not remember any of his good deeds. The angel said, "think". He tried to recall his deeds and said that he could not remember any good deeds which he did. The man paused and said that he was a trader, and if a wealthy man did not pay on time, he would give him more time, and if he was poor, he would relinquish his claim. Allah said being a man you relinquished your claim, and I being the sustainer, why would I not forgive you. Allah forgave him and entered him in His Paradise (Musnad Ahmad, No.17064, Ref#10). Compassion and forgiveness being the attributes of Allah, he earned Paradise by forgiving and relinquishing his claim.

Abu Huraira_(RA) narrates that the Prophet said that Allah forgave a prostitute, because while she was standing next to a well, she saw a dog who was dying of thirst. She took out her socks and tied it with her covering and then lowered it in the well and brought up water for the dog and gave it to him to drink. Allah forgave her for this merciful act on an animal (Bukhari, Baa-al-Ikhlaq, No.3467, Ref#11). What weight would it have, if it was a human? The Prophet_(SAW) said that Allah will help a slave (of His) so long as he helps his brother. Again, if you are compassionate, merciful, generous etc., Allah will be there to help you.

The Prophet_(SAW) said anyone has these three qualities will be under the shade of Allah's mercy

on the Day of Resurrection and will be admitted into Paradise (Ref#13).

- 1) Those who show courtesy towards the weak.
- 2) Compassion towards their parents.
- 3) Shows kindness towards slaves and subordinates.

Again compassion, mercy, caring, forgiveness, and generosity are essential qualities for entering Heaven.

In Makkah when the Prophet walked the street, an old woman would throw dirt on him. One day while walking the street, dirt was not thrown at him. The Prophet enquired about her; he was told that she was sick. He went to her house to visit her and enquire about her health. This had such an enormous impact on her that she embraced Islam. Compassion and forgiving!

One day the Prophet said to his companion that the next person to enter the mosque is destined for Paradise. The next person that entered was Saad_(RA). Next day again he said that the next person to enter the mosque is destined for Paradise. The next person that entered was again Saad_(RA). Third day again he said that the next person to enter the mosque is destined for Paradise. This time also, the next person to enter the mosque was again Saad_(RA). Abdullah bin Amar_(RA) decided that he would stay for a few days with Saad_(RA) and find out what special type of worship he does. He stayed with him for three days, just to observe what he does. He saw that he was doing what all the other companions did. He

then told Saad_(RA) what the Prophet said, and his reason for staying with him. He asked him what special worship he does to get such an honor. Saad_(RA) replied, “you have seen me worship”. He paused and then said, “every night before going to bed I forgive everyone who transgressed my rights”. He is going to Paradise because he has acquired the attribute of forgiving. Allah loves forgiving and loves those who forgive.

A companion went to Hiems (a place in Syria) and opened a shop. One day a Christian came to the shop and said that he wants to buy some wheat. The sahabi said to him that the shop across the road is owned by a Christian, and he noted that nobody came to buy from him today. I have earned enough to feed my children, please go and buy from his shop. So, this Christian goes to the Christians shop and buys the goods from him. A while later he came back to the companion's shop. The companion asked, “Did you not find what you were looking for?” He said that he had found everything he was looking for, but there was still something he wanted. When the companion asked what that was, he replied that he wanted the faith he had. The companion advised him not to be hasty in matters of faith. The man replied no, he wanted this belief, because if this is the character of mere companion of the Prophet, then what would be the character of Muhammad_(SAW). This is compassion for others which Allah loves.

Once Abu Dharr_(RA) said to Hazrat Bilal_(RA), you son of a black woman. Hazrat Bilal got offended and reported the incident to the Prophet. The Prophet called Abu Dharr and said to him: “O Abu Dharr you are a man who still has the traits of ignorance in you, the pre-Islamic traits”, and then the Prophet said something profound! He said, “O Abu Dharr, I Muhammad am equally the son of a black woman, as I am a son of white woman!” The Prophet was breastfed by a black woman). Allah created black and white, and He loves them equally and wants us to love them equally. In another narration the Prophet said that whoever calls to the call of ignorance (i.e. cult, breed, race, sect etc.), he will be in the Hellfire. Sahaba asked even if he prays and fasts. The Prophet_(SAW) said even if he prays and fasts. Allah has created all humans as equal, and nobody has the right to degrade anyone. This teaches us to be just and considerate. These are the attributes of Allah which He likes.

Other examples

One wet day Salahuddin_(ra) went to visit the pilgrims, it was cold, and it was wet. When he came back, he became ill. Everyday his state got worse. Al-Imad mentions that he was with Salahuddin_(ra) when he was ill. He says by Allah every time Salahuddin's condition got worse, his trust in the mercy of Allah increased. He said that the weaker Salahuddin_(ra) got, his trust in Allah grew stronger. Even when he became very weak, he could not go to the mosque, he insisted on

praying with the congregation, and two men would carry him to the mosque. On the ninth day Salahuddin^(ra) became unconscious, and Shaykh Jaafar mentions that he used to recite the Quran by his bedside, and when he reached the verses “He is Allah and there is no Lord Besides Him. The Knower of the unseen” (59:22), Salahuddin^(ra) in his state of unconsciousness, said in a faint voice, this is true. Shaykh Jaafar mentions he recited the Quran for three days by the bedside of Salahuddin^(ra). On the final day when he passed away, he reached the verse “There is no God but Allah and upon him I trust” (9:129). He saw Salahuddin’s face become radiant, he recited the Sahada and left this world. Ibn Shaddad mentions that this was the greatest calamity to befall the Muslim Ummah after the demise of the four true caliphs. He was mourned like a prophet. The believers loved him, the non-believers loved him, the good loved him and the bad loved him, because he was a, just ruler. What did this king leave behind? He left one dinar and 47 dirhams, some armor, and a horse. Most importantly he left a legacy behind him. They buried him with his sword so that on the Day of Judgment when he is in the shade of Allah, people may recognize him while resting on his sword. He was a just ruler, and Allah loves those who are just. May Allah be pleased with him. Ameen!

Once Khalifa Haroon Rasheed decided to build a mosque; he ordered that no one else will be allowed to contribute to the construction of the

mosque except him. A laborer who wanted to donate from his days earning was refused because of the strict orders. The laborer bought some bricks and mixed them with the khalifa's bricks. The grand mosque was completed, which included the bricks which the laborer had secretly mixed with the other bricks. Khalifa had a dream that he is in paradise and there are two gorgeous castles next to each other. He asked whose castle this is. He was told that this one is his. He then enquired about the other castle; he was told that it belongs to the laborer who pitched in with a few bricks. Next day Haroon Rasheed ordered the demolition of the mosque and started rebuilding it again. He allowed everyone to pitch in. He learnt a lesson that if Allah wanted to reward the people who was he to stop them.

In a hadith the Prophet_(SAW) said, whosoever assists a fellow believer in dire need, Allah will alleviate his sufferings on the Day of Judgment. **O Allah, we ask You to make us soft hearted, compassionate, merciful and give us the spirit to help the needy. Ameen!**

The Purpose of test

The Purpose of test in this life is to enable us to acquire the attributes of Allah. To build these attributes in humans, everyone cannot be equal. If Allah makes everyone equal, the attribute of compassion will not develop in us. Unless there are people in need, the attributes of mercy and generosity will not develop. Unless somebody

transgresses our rights, the attributes of patience and to be forgiving will not develop. Unless there are two parties to a dispute the attribute of being just will not flourish. Unless there are weak and strong, the attribute of guardianship, defender of the weak will not develop. Unless there is oppression the attributes of subduing and having authority cannot develop. Unless there are liars the concept of being truthful will not develop. Unless there is hatred the attribute of love cannot develop etc.

O people, just as mother will not allow her child to jump out of the upper floor of a window, will force her child to go to school, and forces her child to sleep early and get up early, so that he is not late for school. She will stop her child from playing or watching TV until he does his homework. Although she loves him, she cares for him, and yet she makes him suffer. Why? Because she thinks it is necessary for his future. The child on the other hand thinks contrary to that. Then what makes us think that our merciful Lord will abandon us and let us fall in the Hellfire? Our Merciful Lord loves us seventy folds more. He makes us suffer in this world so that we may pass the test of this world, and embed in our character, His attributes. He does not want to punish us or make us suffer. But the tests of this world are necessary to build faith and the attributes of Allah in us. This is to distinguish between the ones who believe and the ones who reject the truth. The believers are the ones who

are caring, compassionate, merciful, kind, forgiving, just etc., and will be the dwellers of Paradise. There they will not hear lies and will live peacefully ever after. While the disbelievers are those who lie, who spread chaos, who are arrogant, unrespectful to others and do not repent. They will be the dwellers of Hellfire. Because they are the destroyers of harmony wherever they go. Hellfire will be their abode ever after.

In a hadith in Ibn a person asked the Prophet^(SAW) who were tested the most? He said, “the prophets, then the righteous people, then the next best and the next best” (Ref#14). That is, a person will suffer according to the firmness of his faith. If his faith is strong, he will suffer more, but if his faith is shaky, he will suffer less. It's like one taking a nursery exam and another writing a PhD thesis, the efforts will be different. The higher the rank, the harder work and effort is required. Similarly, the greater the status in Paradise the more one must suffer in this world. O believers, be compassionate, merciful, kind, forgiving, just, protector and defender of the weak, wise, generous, peaceful, truthful, loving one etc.

Impact of Allah's colors on humans

Allah says that the people who will be protected from the predicaments of the Day of Judgment are those who believe and do good deeds, prayer being the foremost. For them Allah has reserved His unconditional and unparalleled Love. Subhan-Allah! The Prophet was told by Allah in the 4th or

5th year of his preaching, to stick to what he has been ordered and that very soon he will receive His unparalleled love. The Prophet kept doing what he was told, and eventually he received such honor and love from Allah, the likes of which have never been seen before and will never be seen again. The manifestation of that love was the journey of isra-wal-mairaj (night journey and ascension). **Glory be to him, Who transported His servant one night from Masjid-e-Haram to a distant temple, whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We might show him some of Our Signs: the fact is that He alone is All-Hearing, All-Seeing (17:1).** It was an unbelievable exhibition of Allah's love for Muhammad(SAW). He received such love and nearness to Allah as no other creation of Allah has ever experienced before. Not even the angels that are close to Him; not even Gabriel(AS). Because the Prophet reflected the best attributes of Allah in humans.

Once on a battlefield while fighting, Ali(RA) knocked down his adversary and was about to sever his neck, when the non-believer spat on his face. Ali(RA) spared him. The non-believer asked him, why did he spar him. Ali(RA) said that he was going to kill him for the sake of Allah as he was fighting against the Muslims. But when you spat on my face, it developed a grudge against you in my heart, and I could not kill you fearing that Allah might make me accountable for it. This was the impact of Allah's attributes on his personality.

An orphan came to the Prophet_(SAW) and complained that he wants to build a wall around his garden, but the problem is that there is one date tree that belongs to another Muslim, and he won't sell that date tree to him. The Prophet called that Muslim who was a hypocrite and asked him to sell that date tree and promised him a date tree in Paradise where the journey under the shade of the tree would last 100 years, that's how big it would be. The hypocrite refused, because he loved this world. Abu Dahda_(RA) was sitting there, he asked the Prophet, if he purchased that tree, would he get a tree in Paradise. The Prophet said yes. Abu Dahda went to the hypocrite and asked the hypocrite to sell that date tree to him. He said that he did not sell it to the Prophet, why would he sell it to him. He asked him if he knew him and if he knew about his garden. The hypocrite said, "who doesn't know you Abu Dahda and your garden is the most beautiful garden with six hundred date trees and a palace in the center". Abu Dahda said, sell me that date tree for that garden. The hypocrite exclaimed and said, "are you having a laugh at me". Abu Dahda asked him to try him. He sold the garden for that date tree. Abu Dahda came back to tell the Prophet that he had bought that date tree. By then Allah had revealed to the Prophet the bargain Abu Dahda had made. The Prophet_(SAW) said to Abu Dahda_(RA), what a bargain, and then he told him that he promised him one date tree in Paradise, now he sees his paradise full

of date trees. He went to the garden, his wife was inside, he told her to come out. She asked why? He told her that he had sold the entire garden for the date tree in Paradise. She said what a bargain. It is narrated that they spent the rest of their life in relative poverty. This is the impact of the trust in Allah that comes when we acquire His attributes.

During the time of Umar Bin Khattab_(RA), two men dragged a young boy to the court. Umar_(RA) asked them what was going on, why have you brought this boy to the courthouse. They said, this boy killed their father. Umar_(RA) asked the boy, if he really killed their father? The boy said, yes, he did kill their father, but it was an accident. He said that his camel used to tread on their property. Their father took a rock and hit the camel in the eye. He saw the camel suffering that provoked him and made him furious. He took a rock and threw it at their father, it hit him in the head, and he died. Umar Bin Khattab_(RA) asked the two brothers if they would forgive this young boy for this accident. They said no we want retribution and said they would not even accept dayyat (blood money). Umar_(RA) asked the boy if he had any last word or wish which he would like to request. The boy replied yes, he said that when his father passed away, he left behind some money for his younger brother. He would like to have three days so that he could go and retrieve that wealth from where he had hidden, so that he could make sure his brother would get it before He is executed. Umar_(RA) thought he was making

up a story and said to him what father, what brother, and what money. The young boy asked Umar_(RA) to trust him. Umar Bin Khattab said that he would trust him, but he must find a guarantor on his behalf, who would guarantee that he would come back. The young boy looked at the packed court room and said, “will someone help me this day”? Everybody turned their faces down; no one was ready to risk his neck for this boy, because if the boy doesn’t come back, they will be executed instead. Then from back of the court room, Abu Zarr Ghaffary_(RA) raised his hand and said that he would be the guarantor of this boy. The boy was allowed to go. On the third day, the two brothers came to take Abu Zarr_(RA) with them. He said the day does not end till sun set. At nearly sunset people and the two brothers were walking with Abu Zarr to the court house to see what would happen. Anxiety was building up; people were worried that Abu Zarr would sacrifice his life for the mistake of that boy. Literally minutes before salat-tul-Maghrib, the boy rushes in. People rejoiced because Abu Zarr Ghaffary was a great companion of Prophet_(SAW). Umar_(RA) asked the boy what made him come back, because no one followed him. He said he came back because he did not want anyone to say that a Muslim gave his word and did not fulfill it. Umar_(RA) then turned to Abu Zarr_(RA) and asked him what made him become the guarantor of this boy. Abu Zarr said that he saw a Muslim in need, and he did not want anyone to ever say that a Muslim was in need and

there was no one to help him. The two brothers said that when we have people like these, then how can a Muslim ask for forgiveness and there is no one there to forgive him. They forgave the boy. This was the legacy of Islam. O Allah, where are we standing today? And then we have the audacity to say help of Allah is nowhere to be seen.

There was a learned old man who went for pilgrimage. He had all his money stacked in a bag. One thug came and snatched his bag and ran away. The one who stole the bag became sightless after a short distance. This youngster started crying bitterly. People enquired as to why he was crying. He told them that he had stolen someone's bag, and it seems that that person has put a curse on him, and Allah has blinded him. People asked him where that elderly man could be found. He told them at such and such barber shop. The people went to the elderly man and requested him to forgive the young man who stole his bag. The youngster also asked him for forgiveness. The elderly man said that he had already forgiven him. People asked why he forgave him, although he stole all his valuables. The elderly man said that when the youngster took his valuables and ran, a thought crossed his mind that on the Day of Judgment when he will present his case in front of Allah, this youngster will be questioned and judged. The time it will take for the decision to be reached, Prophet^(SAW) will not enter Paradise, because he said that he will not enter Paradise until the reckoning of his followers is complete.

The elderly man said that the time it will take for his case, Prophet_(SAW) will be delayed from entering Paradise. So, he withdrew his case. This is the impact of love for Allah and His Prophet_(SAW). Without the attributes we cannot match it.

When the Prophet_(SAW) was invited to migrate to Medina, negotiations were held with the people of the Ansar. Seventy-Three of the Ansars came to finalize the negotiations. The Prophet came with his uncle Abbas, who was not a Muslim at the time. The Prophet's uncle Abbas started the negotiations and said, "This is his nephew Muhammed_(SAW), he is in Makkah in the protection of the Bani Hashim, they will look after him if he stays here with his tribe. Now will you, the people of Madinah protect him in the same way? The Ansars turned to the Prophet and asked him to tell them what he desires from them. The Prophet said that he expects from them that they will defend him like they defend their women and children, that they will spend on him in times of ease and in times of difficulties, that they will obey him whether they like it or dislike it, they will enjoin good and forbid evil, and in the matters of religion they will not be concerned about what people say. If the entirety of humanity stood against them, they will stand up for what they believe in. The Ansars asked, O Prophet of Allah, if they fulfill the conditions then what will they get in return. The Prophet said "Paradise". Kaab Ibn Malik_(RA) who was sitting there, said, "what a

bargain”. The Prophet was asking them to lay down their lives, give them their wealth, they should listen to him and obey him even if they like it or dislike it, and that they would remain steadfast even if the entire humanity turned against them. Although they could not see, nor feel, nor touch the Paradise but to them Allah was real, Paradise was real, and they believed in them. They had trust in Allah. This happened because the attributes of Allah had embedded in their hearts. Prior to accepting Islam, they used to fight one another, Islam bonded them in brotherhood.

A Persian companion Suhaib Ar-Rumi_(RA) was a businessman, he decided to migrate to Madinah. The mushrikeen followed him, to kill him. Suhaib climbed up a mountain and said to them, “O people of Quresh you know me, I am the best archer from amongst you, and if you try to climb up, I will pick you one by one, until my arrows finish, and then I will take out my sword, and I will strike you down until it breaks and nothing is left of it”. He told them, they have an option. He said they know him, he is a businessman, if they leave him alone, he will tell them where he has hidden his wealth, and they can take it. They knew he was a Muslim, and he wouldn’t lie. They agreed and asked him where he had hidden his wealth. He told them where he hid it. The mushrikeen left him and went for the treasure. When Suhaib_(RA) arrived in Madinah. Allah had revealed to the Prophet via the Quran about the bargain Suhaib had made. Prophet was sitting

with his companions, when Suhaib_(RA) entered the room. The Prophet said, “what a bargain O Suhaib”. Their level of trust and love for Allah and His Messenger was such that worldly gain and loss did not matter to them.

Allah tells the believers that “shall I direct you to a commerce that will deliver you from a grievous chastisement?” and then Allah talks about that business deal. He says “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” _(61:10-11). What this deal implied was that they would sacrifice their wealth and their lives for Allah. The people who really understood this were his companions. For them Allah was real, and Paradise was real, they could feel the Paradise. They had reached the stage, where this was all real to them. This happens when we color ourselves in the colors of Allah and His love is embedded in our Hearts.

Ovais Al-Qarni was not a sahabi but a tabaee. He never met the Prophet. Yet Prophet_(SAW) told Umar_(RA) that there will come to you a man from Yemen and his name is Ovais from tribe of Qarn. When he comes to you, ask him to make a supplication for you, because he was righteous to his mother. His status was revealed to the Prophet by Gabriel. Ovais Al-Qarni was taking care of his mother in a very dutiful manner. He asked and begged her to let him go to Madinah to meet the Prophet. She grudgingly allowed him to go to Madinah for a day or two, to meet the Prophet_(SAW)

and come back. Ovais travelled all the way from Yemen to Madinah (it was a month journey) to meet the Prophet_(SAW), and when he got there, the Prophet was away on an expedition and was not in Madinah. He had two options; either to stay longer, meet the Prophet and become his companion, or obey his mother. He opted for the second option to obey and please his mother which is obligatory, and lost the chance of becoming a companion. This story tells us to treat our parents with love, dignity and respect. This is a commandment of Allah. There is a door from which people who obeyed, loved and respected, their parents will enter Paradise. They will be under the shade of Allah on the Day of Judgment and will be the dwellers of Paradise.

Conclusion on The Purpose of Life

Allah says: “O man; you will only find peace in My remembrance and in turning back to Me. If you continue to defy this, We will make your life in this world a tight life”. O Muslims, when it came to standing in past midnight prayers before the Almighty, our blessed Prophet_(SAW) would stand in such long prayers at night that his blessed feet would swell, his beard would get wet with his tears, for the love and fear of Allah. O Muslims we must develop this love for Allah, and this can only be done by adopting His attributes in our character.

Muslims were meant to be the people of reflection. As an Ummah our character should

reflect the attributes of Allah. Today Muslims are in decadence, it is not because we are few in numbers. Rather we are more than 25% of the world's population. It is also not because we lack wealth and resources. Many of the greatest natural resources are in the hands of the Muslim. We are 2 billion in number, with so many natural resources, yet we find Ummah in decadence. Why? The reason for this is that we lack the men and women of substance, those whose character reflects the attributes of Allah, they are the ones who can change the landscape of the current times. The Muslims were supposed to be caring; we engulfed our hearts with hate. We were supposed to be compassionate we became wicked. We were supposed to be merciful, we became tyrants. We were supposed to be generous we have become misers. We were supposed to treat everyone equal; today we have engrossed and divided ourselves into racial entities, cults, and different religious sects etc. We don't need anyone to destroy us; we are doing a good job ourselves. We give preference to our clan over Lailaha-illalla. We get overawed by the color of people's skin. That's how shallow we Muslims have become.

We Muslims mumble that Allah is not helping us. Let us ask ourselves some questions. Has this Ummah paid its zakat and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah built their society on justice and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah secured blood relations and then Allah

withheld His help? Has this Ummah built its character on compassion, mercy and forgiveness and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah fulfilled its pledges and commitments and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah prayed like it should have prayed and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah made Prophet_(SAW) their role model and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah made people like Abu Bakr Siddiq_(RA), Umar bin Khatab_(RA), Usman_(RA), Ali_(RA), Khadijah_(RA), Fatimah_(RA) their role models and then Allah withheld his help? Does the Ummah have concern for the rest of humanity and then Allah withheld the help? Does this Ummah have the concerns which the Prophet_(SAW) had, or do we think that it is obligatory on Allah to help us (may Allah forgive), as though we are the Lord and Allah is our slave. Let us understand one thing, we are the slaves and Allah is Al-Samad. He is the sole sovereign, and we are His subject.

We Muslims mumble that Allah does not answer our supplications. We believe in Allah and still do not fulfill His rights and expect that our supplications to be accepted. We read the book of Allah (the Quran) without understanding and do not follow it and expect that our supplications to be accepted. We claim we love the Prophet and yet do not follow his sunnah and still expect our supplications would be accepted. We believe that Satan is our enemy and yet practically we follow his way and still expect that our supplications to

be accepted. We say we want Paradise and do not work for it and still expect that our supplications to be accepted. We say we are fearful of Hellfire and yet do not distance ourselves from it and expect our supplications to be accepted. We say that death is truth and yet we do not prepare for it and expect our supplications to be accepted. We back bite others, and forget our own faults, and still expect that our supplications to be accepted. We enjoy the blessings of Allah and yet are ungrateful to Him and expect our supplications to be accepted. We bury our dead, and the fear of the Hereafter doesn't bother us, and expect our supplications to be accepted. O Muslims, turn to Allah, mend your ways, and Allah will make your state the ruling state of the world.

Revolution does not come with words, but with action, Similarly the God's help and support comes with action, not with words. When we as an Ummah fulfill the conditions, then the help of Allah will descend. When that happens, a small group of believers will defeat a very large group of non-believers with the help of Allah. In the battle of Yarmouk, the Muslims were 41000 and the conservative estimate of the Roman army was 150000. The Romans were defeated and never came back to the Arabian Peninsula. If we lose Allah, we lose everything. Allah loves his creation seventy folds more than a loving mother; He will discard us if we transgress. Look at us, we are killing for pennies. Let's ask ourselves some questions. Are we an asset to our religion? No. Do

our lives reflect the character of Prophet_(SAW) (who reflected the highest degree of attributes of Allah in humans)? No. Do we turn people towards Islam, or do we turn people away from Islam? We turn people away from Islam. We as Ummah are negatively charged and yet expect Allah to help us. O Muslims, we must start the revolution from within ourselves, and once we have acquired the attributes of Allah, it will make us the people of good. When people will see that we are people of good they will come closer to us, just like Allah's attributes have made us move closer to Him. When we try to reflect His attributes in our character we become the best of people for the people. People will flock towards Islam. Misery and class differences will perish. Justice will prevail.

O Muslims, Allah never judges the people by their numbers; He judges them by their quality and substance. Gabriel_(AS) asked the Prophet, who are the best of people in your Ummah, he replied, my companion who participated in Badr against all odds. Gabriel_(AS) replied similarly, the best angels were those who participated in Badr. They were the people of substance, and they reflected the colors of Allah, and Allah made their state the ruling state of the world.

The Prophet_(SAW) told us that if a man is quick in forgiving the mistakes of others, on the Day of Judgment Allah will similarly hasten to forgive his mistakes. In another hadith the Prophet said that if a person seeks forgiveness from an

individual, and he refuses to forgive him, then on the Day of Judgment that individual should not come to his Fountain of Kausar. Today husband is not ready to forgive his wife, and wife is not ready to forgive the husband. We are unaware of the consequences of this act on the Day of Judgment. Attribute of forgiveness is necessary to be forgiven. O Muslim, don't tell anyone that you are Muslim, let them know you by your good character that you are a Muslim. O Muslims before going to sleep make sure of four things:

- 1) Never go to sleep, unless and until we have made sure that we have resolved all our outstanding issues and conflicts that we might have with someone. Settle all your affairs and issues. Forgive, let bygones be bygones.
- 2) Make sure that before we go to sleep, we have fulfilled all obligations owed by us to Allah, i.e., if we haven't prayed our Isha prayer, then we cannot go to sleep.
- 3) Never sleep unless and until you have taken a moment to sit intimately with Allah, repent and turn back to Him, and seek His forgiveness, for the sins you have committed.
- 4) We should at least at the basic level make sure that all our major arrangements have been made (repentance and forgiveness), just in case we do not wake up in the morning. I.e., remembering death, death is a reality which everyone will face.

Allah's Unparalleled Love for His Servants

I would urge my reader to read the rest of the book in seclusion. So that the love of Allah gets embedded in the heart and tears flow from the eyes. Allah in the Quran says: Tell them, (O Prophet): “My servants who have committed excesses against themselves, do not despair of Allah's Mercy. Surely Allah forgives all sins. He is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. Turn to your Lord and surrender yourselves to Him before the chastisement overtakes you; for then you will receive no help. Follow the best of what has been revealed to you from your Lord before the chastisement suddenly comes upon you without you even being aware of it.” Lest a person should say: “Alas for me for neglecting my duty towards Allah and for being among those that scoffed”; and lest a person should say: “If only Allah had guided me, I should have been one of the God-fearing”; or lest he should say, when he sees the chastisement: “O that I might return again, and be among those who do good.” Yes indeed! But My Signs came to you, and you rejected them as lies and waxed arrogant and were among those who disbelieved. On the Day of Resurrection, you shall see that the faces of those who had lied against Allah have turned dark. Is Hell not vast enough to provide a room to the vainglorious? But as for the God-fearing, Allah will deliver them on account of their achievements: no harm

shall visit them, nor shall they grieve. Allah is the Creator of everything; He is the Guardian over everything. To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth. It is those who disbelieve in Allah's Signs who will be the losers (39:53-63).

To really grasp the love of Allah, I will cover some stories of his mercy. These stories help us in building relationships, love and hope in Allah. When a believing slave repents to Allah, and that repentance does not cover all his sins, Allah orders the angels of his throne to seek forgiveness from Him until all his sins are washed out. **This is our Merciful Lord. Thank you, Allah.**

When a child disobeys his mother, and when he comes to her with remorse and regret, she eventually forgives him. One must go to mother to appease her, shed some tears and apologize to soften her heart. On the other hand, if a slave of Allah drowns himself in sins for his entire life, and then one day feels remorse in his heart. The Prophet said that Allah forgives his slave due to his heart felt remorse even without repenting. Pleasing Allah is easy in this world but impossible in the Hereafter. Abu Huraira said that when a man commits a sin and then says: "O my Lord I have committed a sin, please forgive me". Allah says my slave knows he has a Lord who forgives and punishes. Allah says I forgive this person. After a while he again commits sin and asks Allah for forgiveness. Allah again says my slave knows he has a Lord who forgives and punishes. Allah says so I forgive him. He again

commits sin and again repents to Allah. Allah again says my slave knows he has a Lord who forgives and punishes. Allah says I forgive him (Bukhri, vol. 2, hadith 1117). **O Muslims, how can we lose hope in our Merciful Allah? Come back, He is waiting for us. If we don't turn back, then we are to be blamed.**

Allah is so merciful that when a man who has touched the rock bottom in bad deeds, who has crossed the extreme limits in sins, who is submerged under mountains of sins, and then if he realizes his wrongs, and is ashamed and regretful of what he has done. The Merciful Lord not only forgives his sins, but He also converts them into good deeds. **Subhan-Allah!** People lose hope thinking that their sins are unforgivable. While Allah keeps His hopes that one day His servant will return to him. He calls out, "O my servant what made you lose hope in My Mercy, I forgive all sins. Come back to Me and I will forgive your sins, even if they covered the earth and the skies". **O people, our Allah loves us seventy folds more than our mothers. Never lose hope in Him. It is easy to please Him, just repent with sincerity. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen**

A Bedouin came to the Prophet and asked him, who is going to take us into account on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet said that Allah will take us to account. The Bedouin again enquired, is Allah going to take us to account. The Prophet said yes. The Bedouin started to smile. Prophet (SAW) asked him why he was smiling. He said he

was smiling because Allah is Al-Kareem; therefore, he was not worried any more.

A companion said, “The Prophet_(SAW) came to us while we were laughing.” He said, you are laughing, and Hellfire is approaching near. He told us not to laugh, and when he left it was as if vultures were hovering over us. Then the Prophet_(SAW) came back to us and said that Gabriel came to him and said, Allah says that his servants will lose hope in Him and told him to tell people that He is the Merciful forgiver. Abu Huraira said that he heard the Prophet say that Allah divided His mercy into 100 parts and kept 99 with himself and distributed one amongst His creation. It is due to this that even a horse will take care that his hoof does not hurt his foul. Allah’s mercy engulfs everything (Ref#15).

O believers listen to what Abdullah bin Umar_(RA) has to say. He narrates that he heard the Prophet_(SAW) say that on the Day of Judgment, Allah will bring the believer closer to Him and then He will hide him in His cover. He will then ask him; does he remember he did such and such sin. The believer will say, yes, my Lord. Allah will keep asking about his other sins that were not repented until he acknowledges all of them. The believer will get scared of the consequences. Allah will say to him that He covered his sins in the world and today He forgives him. Subhan-Allah! He will be handed the book of righteous deed in his right hand. As far as the non-believers are concerned, they will be questioned in front of

everyone and will be handed the book of Sijjin in their left hand (Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 1, Hadith 330).

O people, when the night falls, the worldly courts are closed, the palaces are closed, the gates are closed and the guards are posted, because it is after work hours. The rulers of this world are engaged in their own pleasure. They are not ready to listen or entertain anyone. On the other hand, when most of us are sleeping in negligence, Allah in His Majesty and in His Glory descends to the first heaven and calls out in the last third of the night: “Who is there to call onto Me so that I may respond to him. Who is there, who has some needs, so that I may fulfill his needs. Who is there, who wants something, so that I may grant it to him. Who is there, who wants My forgiveness, so that I may forgive him”. Allah then asks, is there anyone who knocked on My door, and the door was not opened for him. Is there anyone who asked from Me and he was not given” (If He does not give you in this world, He will give you so much in the hereafter that one will wish that none of his prayers were fulfilled in the world) (Sahih Muslim

Salat-Al Musafirin, No. 1174, Ref#8). O people don’t ask man, ask the One whose doors are never closed, whose love is un-exhausting and whose storehouses are never empty. The Merciful Allah says, “O my servant when you remember Me, I remember you, and when you forget Me, I still remember you”. **Subhan Allah!** Allah says, O son of Adam_(AS) if you turn away from Me and spend your days and nights in My disobedience, and if you could know

how much love and affection, I have for you, your limbs will split with joy. O son of Adam^(AS), if this is My love for those who have broken my commandments, what is My love for those who are obedient to Me”. This is Allah, My Lord and Your Lord. The Loving One, The Merciful, The Forgiver. O Allah, we cannot match Your love for us. O Allah, embed in us Your love so that we love You with our fullest heart and please You with our utmost effort. Ameen! O Allah, all praises and thanks are for You.

Allah says, O’ son of Adam, don’t be afraid of any power or sovereignty so long as His sovereignty remains, and His sovereignty never ceases. O son of Adam do not fear tightened sustenance so long as His stores are full; and His stores can never be empty. O son of Adam, He has already set our share of sustenance, so we shouldn’t tire ourselves over it (that is, our limbs should work, while our hearts should put their trust in Allah). O son of Adam, He has guaranteed us our sustenance, and He swore by His Glory and Might that if we are content with what He has allocated for us, He will bring comfort to our hearts and our bodies, and He will praise us. If we are not content with what He has allocated for us, He swore by His Glory and Might that He will set the world loose on us, where we will run just like animals run in the wild, and we will still not get more than what He originally allocated for us. “O son of Adam, He created the seven heavens and earth effortlessly, so would it trouble Him to

simply send a loaf of bread our way? O son of Adam don't ask Me for tomorrow's sustenance, just like I do not ask you for tomorrow's deeds. O son of Adam He loves us, so by His rights over us, we should love Him. Thank You O Allah, we love You too. Insha-Allah (God willing).

O Muslims, Gabriel^(AS) came to the Prophet and told him that the angels write down all the deeds of your Ummah but they don't write the tears of your Ummah. The Prophet asked Gabriel why they do not write the tears of my Ummah? (Allah Hu Akbar! O Allah, we surrender ourselves to Your mercy.) Gabriel said to the Prophet, one tear of your follower wipes out oceans of fire in the Hellfire, that is why the angels cannot write down the tears of your Ummah. O Muslims, Allah's doors of mercy are open. Allah is waiting and saying, O son of Adam, O mankind if you sin and sin and sin... until it engulfs the whole world and the heavens by trampling on His orders and then repents and turns towards Him, and says, "O' Allah forgive me". Allah says: He will forgive us, and the sins will not matter. This is the extent of the mercy of our Lord. He loves us ninety-nine folds more than our loving mothers. Satan has made us look elsewhere; it is never too late, turn back to the All Merciful. O' Allah we have wronged ourselves, please forgive us. Ameen

Allah will take out two people from Hellfire and will ask them how the Hellfire was? They will say, O Allah; it is the worst place to be in. Allah will say that they entered it because of their

actions, He did not wrong them. Now go back to the Hellfire. When the order of Allah comes, one man will start running towards the Hellfire, while the other would stay. Allah will call back the man who started to run and will ask him, you just said that Hellfire is such a horrible place, then why did you run towards it. He will say, “O my lord during my entire life on earth I always disobeyed Your commands. Having realized my mistake, I decided that at least I will hasten to fulfill this command of Yours”. Allah will forgive him and put him in Paradise. Allah will then ask the second person; why did he not obey His command? He will say, O Allah, it was my good faith about You that You took me out of Hellfire, and that You will not return me to it. Allah will say you too are forgiven and will also put him in Paradise (Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 649). **Subhan-Allah! This is my Lord and your Lord Allah. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!**

A person will come, and his deeds will be weighed, his evil deeds will be more than his good deeds. Despite this, a command will come, O so and so enter Paradise because of your deeds. That person will say, “How, O Allah, my evil deeds exceeded my good deeds”. Allah will say that on such and such night, you could not sleep, you were restless, and you were turning and twisting side to side and while turning and tossing you said Allah, Allah, Allah, and then went to sleep and forgot about it. I do not sleep, and I do not forget. Allah says in exchange of that Allah,

Allah, Allah, of that night I have given you Paradise. O Allah, Your mercy is endless, forgive us too. O Allah, we are standing with hands joined together and our heads bowed down with shame, seeking Your forgiveness. O Allah, please, please.... forgive us. Ameen

Now I will cover some true stories of the past which reflect Allah's mercy for His slaves. It is said that during the time of Moses(AS) once there was a major drought in the area, and the people of the Israelite approached Moses(AS) and said "O Moses(AS), children are starving, elders are suffering, the animals are dying, the vegetation are all dried-up. Supplicate to Allah that he sends down rain upon us". Moses(AS) gathered the Israelites in an open area in a desert and supplicated to Allah saying, "O Allah, the children are starving, the elders are suffering, the animals are dying, and the vegetation has all dried-up, send down rain upon us". Allah responded and said to Moses(AS) that there is a servant amongst you who has been disobedient to Me for forty years, tell him to leave the congregation and I shall send down rain. Moses looked at the congregation and said whosoever this person is, have mercy upon the congregation and leave so that Allah may send down rain for us. That person knew Allah was referring to him. He looked right and left and saw no one was leaving. He covered his head in his shroud and started to cry, because people were suffering, and the rain would not come down until he leaves the

congregation. And if he leaves the congregation people will know that he is the disobedient person of Allah. He was very remorseful and sad and did not know what to do. He just asked Allah to forgive him with tears of sincere repentance, and with mercy in his heart for the people who were suffering due to him. As soon as the tears hit the ground, Allah forgave him, and it started to rain. Moses_(AS) said, O Allah, nobody left, then why did You send rain. Allah replied it is because of the repentance of the same person that He has sent down rain. Moses_(AS) asked Allah to show us that repenting servant of Yours, so that we may thank him. Allah replied and said to Moses_(AS): “for forty years he disobeyed Me, and I covered up his sins, and now that he has repented, you think I will disclose his identity”. O Allah, Your mercy has no limits, we can never comprehend it. O Allah, forgive us, make us a good Muslim. Ameen

Karoon was a wealthy man from the Israelites. He liked to show off. Ten strong men would carry the keys of his hidden treasure chests. Once Karoon asked Moses_(AS), what is the punishment for committing adultery? Moses_(AS) replied stoning to death. Karoon asked what if you did it? Moses_(AS) said the same punishment would apply to me. Karoon pointed towards a woman and said, tell your story. She said the Moses_(AS) committed adultery with her. Moses_(AS) was shocked and did not know what to say. He fell in prostration and asked for Allah’s help. Allah told Moses_(AS) to get up and ask the woman, why she laid the blame on

him. Moses_(AS) got up and asked her what made her put the blame on him. She said that Karoon bribed her to blame you for adultery. Moses_(AS) raised his hands and asked Allah to punish Karoon. On Allah's orders Karoon started sinking in the earth. When he sank to his ankles, he started pleading to Moses for forgiveness. Moses_(AS) was very angry he said sink; you slandered the prophet of Allah. He sank till his knee and kept repenting for what he had done. Moses_(AS) was not ready to forgive him. Karoon sunk till his hips. He kept pleading to Moses_(AS) for forgiveness. Moses_(AS) did not forgive him. He sunk to his neck. Karoon pleaded with remorse, Moses_(AS) did not forgive him, and he sunk into the earth with his wealth. Allah sent a revelation to Moses saying: "O Moses Karoon was my slave, he pleaded to you, you did not forgive him, had he repented once to Me, I would have forgiven him (Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 686). **Subhan-Allah!**

Although Karoon scandalized His messenger, Allah was ready to forgive Karoon, had he repented to Him. Moses_(AS) is one of the five mightiest messengers, and he now resides in the sixth heaven. **This is Allah! How can we lose hope in Him?**

A Bedouin sahabi was walking around Kaaba and was reciting "Ya Kareem Ya Kareem". The Prophet was walking behind him; he also started reciting "Ya Kareem Ya Kareem". This sahabi thought the fellow behind him was mocking him. He turned and said to the Prophet that you are

mocking me and that I would complain about the incident to the Prophet_(SAW). Prophet_(SAW) asked him, "Have you met the Prophet? He said no, he did not meet him. Prophet_(SAW) told him that he is the Prophet, and he was reciting what he recited because he liked it. The sahabi kissed his hands and tried to kiss his feet. Prophet_(SAW) told him to get up and not to kiss his feet, he is not a king. At that instance Gabriel_(AS) descended, gave his and Allah's salam to the Prophet, and conveyed the message from Allah for the companion. Allah told him to tell the sahabi, that even by calling "Ya Kareem Ya Kareem"; he still would be held accountable. When the Prophet forwarded the message, the sahabi got aroused and said, if Allah is going to take me to account, then he too will take Allah to account. The Prophet and all the companions felt uneasy with what that sahabi said. The Prophet asked the Sahabi; how will you take Allah to account. He said that if Allah takes him to account for his sins, then I will take Allah to account for His mercy, forgiveness etc. Gabriel_(AS) descended again and instructed the Prophet to inform the Sahabi that Allah said: "Let him not hold Me to account, nor will I hold him to account." (Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 603). This is our merciful Allah. He wanted to tell us that when you have firm belief in Him then accountability does not matter, because He is The Forgiver of all sins. When one has firm belief in Allah, then he will color himself in the attributes of Allah. The ultimate reward for the love of Allah.

Abu Saeed Khuzri narrates that the Prophet said there was a man from the Israelite who had killed 99 people. One day he was awakened by the fear of Allah. He went to a Rabi to ask him if there was a way for him to repent to Allah. Rabi said there is no forgiveness for you. He killed the Rabi and completed his hundredth murder. He again felt fear of Allah, and started asking people, “is there a way that he may repent to Allah, and Allah may forgive him”? A scholar advised him to go to a certain town where good people live, live with them and repent to Allah. God willing, Allah will forgive him. He started his journey towards that town, and on the way to the town he died. On his death angels of heaven and hell came to collect his soul. A dispute broke amongst them. The angel of heaven said that he was going with the intention of repenting; therefore, he is from the people of Paradise. The angel of hell said he led a criminal life; he is from the people of Hellfire. Allah ordered the town of evil to distance himself from the dead body and told the town of pious to come closer to the dead body. He then ordered the angels to measure the distance of the two towns from him if he is nearer to the pious town even by a hand span then he is forgiven (Ref#12). O Allah, Your Mercy exceeds everything. O Allah, we are frightened and need Your mercy, please forgive us. Ameen!

In a hadith it is narrated that a man committed excesses against himself by neglecting the commandments of his Lord, and due to his

ignorance, he was unaware of the attributes of Allah. When he was on his dying bed, he remembered his past, and fear of Allah gripped him. Terrified of the consequences of his sins, he instructed his children that, when he dies, cremate my body to ash, and to scatter half of it on land and half in the sea, so that he may not be resurrected for punishment. He said to his children, "I am a big sinner, and by Allah if he gets hold of me, he will punish me so severely, likes of which He will not give to anyone in the heavens or the earth". When he died, his sons cremated his body and scattered half of the ash in different places on land and half in different places on sea. Allah Almighty ordered the sea and the land to collect his ashes. All his ashes were presented before Him. Allah resurrected him and asked him why he did this? He said: Lord, you know how I spent my life on earth, I was very afraid of You because of the expected consequences of my sins. So, I ordered my body to be burnt to ashes out of fear of You. Allah forgave him out of His mercy. **O Allah, we are in the same situation, please forgive us and no one can forgive, except You.**

A man reverted to Islam and still would secretly sing foul songs. He had a beautiful voice and lots of people were his fans. His income was high. He had no children, and his wife had also died. During the reign of Umar Bin Khattab he became old and lost his teeth and could sing no more. He lost his source of income. He started borrowing

money from friends. They entertained his request for a while, and then they stopped helping him. Having no money he would be without food for days. He started to recall his times when he was young and handsome and had a beautiful voice; thousands of people were his fans. Today he was struggling, and no one was ready to feed him one meal. He was very depressed because of his age, weakness and starvation, and started thinking, had he spent his nights in remembrances of Allah, He would not have shunted him. He lost his youth, his beauty and wealth, and he had nothing to present to Allah to please Him? In his thoughts, he entered a cemetery and sat next to a bush near a grave. Remembering his youth, he started crying and supplicating. “O Compassionate One I have lost my youth and have nothing to present in Your court. I have no teeth, and I am hungry. I am old and walk with a stick. I am losing my eye sight and hearing power. O Lord I am ashamed of what I have done and only have regrets to show. I have come to the graveyard so that I am nearer to my grave when I pass away”. He asked Allah to forgive him. It is said that he went to sleep in that state. When he woke up, he saw a man coming his way. It was Umar_(RA) and was carrying something on his head. He got scared that he might scold him. When Umar_(RA) came to him, he put down the bundle he was carrying on his head and said to him that he had brought him food and asked him to eat. The old man was surprised that the leader of the world's only superpower was offering him

food. He asked the leader of the believers, why did he bring food for him. Umar_(RA) said, it was noon, and he was resting when in his dream he was delivered a message from Allah that a waly (friend) of his is hungry, so go and feed him. Umar_(RA) asked his wife to pack whatever food is in the house. She packed all the food and gave it to Him. Umar_(RA) said to his wife that he was going to meet a friend of Allah. In respect for that friend of Allah he did not carry the food in his hand but placed it on his head. Umar requested the friend of Allah to eat the food. The old man recalled that moments back he repented to Allah, despite all his sins not only He forgave him, He called him His friend and ordered the caliph Umar_(RA) to feed him. He called out: “O Allah, You are extremely merciful” and started crying bitterly until he laid his life in front of Umar_(RA) (Ref.

Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 337). **O Allah, Your mercy is so vast that it encompasses everything. How could we ever lose hope in You. O Allah, we want to be Your friend, please accept us as a friend. Ameen!**

There was a companion of the Prophet_(SAW) who was poor. He saved pennies from his daily earnings so that he could buy a sacrificial animal for Eid Ul-Adha. He bought a sheep; and went to tell the Prophet. He was so excited that he exaggerated the animal to such an extent that the Prophet asked him to show his animal to him. A while later he came with a sheet wrapped around his shoulder holding something. When he showed the lamb to the Prophet it was skinny, and its age

was less than a year. The Prophet got annoyed and told him that Allah is beautiful and accepts beautiful things. He told him to take it away and that he could not sacrifice such an animal. This broke his heart; he picked up the lamb with one hand and put the other hand on his chest. As soon as he started to walk, the Throne of Allah shook. He sent Gabriel to tell the Prophet to tell the companion not only that the sacrifice of his animal is acceptable, but also its reward exceeded the collective reward of all sacrifices made by the people of Madinah. The sahabi asked, is this relaxation in law for everyone, or is it specific to me. The Prophet said no it is only for you (ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 226). **Oh Allah!!! Your Compassion is matchless and infinite...!!! Please send a shower of Your mercy our way. Ameen!**

The most beloved actions to Allah are the ones that are performed consistently even though they are very little. This is a story from a book written by Imam Al Jawzi about Imam Hamble_(ra). Imam Ahmed Bin Hambal was the most famous man in the Muslim Ummah of his time. He was so popular that without media and fast transport, his funeral ceremony (janaza) was the largest that took place. He died, and was buried on the same day, and in a matter of few hours 1.3 million people gathered to pray funeral prayer for him. Imam Ahmed used to go around seeking knowledge. He was a humble person; he would wrap his face so that people would not recognize him and put him on a pulpit. One day he was

travelling to Sham (Syria), and he tells this story. He walked into a mosque to spend the night. The guard in the mosque refused to allow him to spend the night there and started locking the mosque. So, Imam Ahmed picked his stuff and laid down on the steps of the mosque. The guard came and said that he cannot sleep here. Imam Ahmed said he has nowhere to go. The guard pulled Imam Ahmed by his legs and dragged him to the middle of the street. A baker who owned a bakery right across the street witnessed this. He came to Imam Ahmed and offered him that he could sleep in his bakery while he worked. Imam Ahmed laid down in his bakery. He observed that the entire night the man while working continuously recited Subhan-Allah, Alhamd-do-lillah, La-ilaha-illalah, Alahhu Akbar. Imam Ahmed was shocked because usually people get tired after a few minutes. Imam Ahmed_(ra) asked him, for how long he had been reciting this. The baker said that he had been doing it for his entire life. Imam Ahmed_(ra) asked what he had seen from Allah because of his recitation, other than Paradise. He said he never made a supplication to Allah for anything except that He gave it to him. Imam Ahmed said Subhan-Allah; you never made a supplication to Allah except He gave it to you. He said yes, he paused and said, except for one. Imam Ahmed_(ra) asked what that was, he said he wished to see Imam Ahmed in person. Imam Ahmed burst into tears and embraced him, he then said, here is Ahmed Bin Hambal, who was thrown

out of the mosque and pulled by his legs and thrown at your doorstep for you to meet. O Allah.... This is Allah. O Allah, make us Your friend, we are pleased with You, O Allah, be pleased with us. Ameen!

In Bani Israel there was a man named Kifl, who was engrossed in promiscuity. He saw a very beautiful woman and offered her sixty Dinar to have sex with him, she agreed. When he approached her, she started trembling. Kifl asked had he forced her for this. She replied no, the real reason was that she had not done this before, but poverty and starvation had forced her to do this, her three siblings had not eaten for three days. Kifl said you were forced to do this because of poverty. Kifl said, “go and take the sixty Dinars with you”. Kifl said to himself that he will never disobey Allah again. Kifl died the same night after repenting. In the morning it was written on his front door “Allah has forgiven Kifl” (Ref#5). O Allah, Forgive us too.

Hassan Basri_(ra) had a female student; she would attend his circle of teaching. She had a young son, who was engrossed in sin. She asked Hassan Basri what she should do. He told her to advise him in such and such manner, but to no avail. Often her mother would ask Hassan Basri to make supplication for her son that Allah may guide him. Hassan Basri kept praying for the young man for a very long time, until he lost hope, and thought that the boy would never mend his ways. One day the boy got sick, and his sickness got worse with

passage of time. Seeing death near, he called his mother and said that he had little time left and he could not go to Hassan Basri himself, and neither could she carry him. He asked her to go to Hassan Basri and ask him to come and visit him and tell him how to repent, and when he dies to pray over his funeral. She went running to the Shakyh and told him that her son's condition is deteriorating and that he wants to see you so that he could learn how to repent, and he asked her to ask you to lead his funeral prayers. Hassan Basri was teaching hadith and answering questions. He thought he would never mend his ways. He told his mother to tell her son that he could not come, and to find someone else to pray for his funeral prayers. When the young man heard this from his mother, he felt hurt and realized that he was so bad that people of the likes of Hassan Basri had given up on him. The young man said to his mother, if Hassan Basri is not ready to lead my funeral prayers, then listen to my will. She asked what your will. He said mother when my soul departs from my body, put your head covering around my neck and pull me on the ground so that people can see that one who is disobedient to Allah, he is pulled by his neck. He said mother, may be Allah might forgive him because of this act. As soon as he said this, his soul departed from his body. His mother was crying and thinking about what her son had requested her to do. A short while later someone knocked on her door. When she opened the door, she saw Hassan Basri standing there.

She asked the scholar what brought him here. He told her that when she left, he went to sleep. As soon as he went to sleep, he received a message, Allah said to him that you claim to be My friend and yet refuse to lead the funeral prayers of My friend". I woke up and realized that your son has been forgiven. **Oh Allah, Your mercy engulfs everything. O Allah, forgive us. We have no one besides You.**

O son of Adam, whosoever has taqwa (fear) of Allah, and is always conscious of Allah. Allah will make his situation easy for him. If someone has family problems, Allah will make it easy for him. If someone has financial problems, Allah will make it easy for him. **Allah says, "love Me and remember Me and fear Me, and I will solve all your problems, I will make a way out for you, and I will provide you from means you did not anticipate"** (65:2-3). There was a person Hatim Al-Asam, one day he came to his family and said that he wants to go for (Haj) pilgrimage (it took months in those days), and he doesn't have enough provision for them, so what do you say. The wife told him to do it later when he has the means. His daughter was special; she said **"Dad, Allah is the sustainer who has the utmost power, go, Allah will provide for us"**. So, the person took heart from this and went for Haj. A few weeks later, the provision ran out. The girl's mother and her siblings said, "you and your big mouth, what now"? The little girl went to the back room and raised her hand and said **"O Allah,**

You said and Your word is true. Whosoever fears Allah and has Allah's consciousness, You will find a way out, and you will provide from means unanticipated". Her hands were up for Supplication when someone knocked the door. She went and opened the door, a man stood there who was a guard from the entourage of the governor. He tells her that the governor is thirsty, can she get some water for him. She went and got water and made it nice presentable. The man took the water to the governor. The governor drank the water and found in it delight or Allah put delight in it. This made the governor think where this water came from. He asked the guard where he got this water from. He said from the house of Hatim. That same famous Hatim! The governor said we must go and say salaam to him. They told him that he had gone for Haj. The governor said then it is our duty to look after his family. He reached for his sack of gold coins and chucked it into the house of Hatim. But Allah wanted to increase this, so the governor looked at his entourage and said whoever loves me should do the same. They all took their sacks of gold coins and chucked them into the house of Hatim. Soon the gold coins were loitering around on the floor, and the little girl started to cry. Her mom said, "woe is unto you, we were poor and dying, you were happy, now money has come, you are crying". The little girl said, "O Allah; You are the Lord of the seven heavens, You do what You will, when You looked at us for an instant with Your

mercy and look what happened”. O Allah, Your mercy encompasses everything. O Allah, bless us with Your mercy. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!

A scholar went for pilgrimage with a young man. After wrapping themselves in the white cloth (ahram), the scholar recited “Labaik Allahhuma Labaik” (I am present at your service, O Allah, I am present at your service). A voice from heaven was heard which said that your presence is not accepted and your services are not needed. The young man asked the scholar if he heard what he just heard. The scholar replied that he had been hearing it for the past forty years. The young man asked him then why he was tiring himself. The scholar started to cry and said, “where can he go; there is no other door besides His door”. As soon as the scholar said this a voice from heaven said, “your presence is accepted, your service is accepted” (Ref#6). This is my Allah, your Allah Whose Mercy engulfs everything. O Allah, the hell fire is the worst place to be in, we are petrified and in need of Your glance of mercy. O Allah, we greedily look forward to Your never ever ending mercy, O Allah, forgive us, accept our repentance, You are our only hope of salvation. Ameen!

There was a young man that lived during the era of Moses_(AS). He would sin after his repentance. Allah told Moses_(AS) to tell that young man to keep his promise otherwise He will be angry with him and will not accept his repentance, and He will punish him. Moses_(AS) conveyed Allah’s message

to him. He stopped sinning for a few months and then sinned again. Allah told Moses_(AS) to tell that young man that He was angry with him. When Moses_(AS) conveyed Allah's message to him, that young man went deep inside a desert and called out to Allah and said: "O Allah, what is this message conveyed to me by Moses_(AS), have Your treasures of forgiveness depleted, or has my sins exceeded Your limit of Mercy. How will You not forgive me, when Karam is one of Your attributes. O Allah, if You let Your servants lose hope in You, then where can they knock. If You pushed them out, where can they go. O Allah, if Your mercy has depleted for Your servants, then punish me alone, put everybody's sins on me, O Allah, I am ready for punishment on their behalf, forgive all others". Allah told Moses_(AS) to tell the young man that if his sins filled the earth and the heavens after this supplication, He would forgive them. He understood My Mercy and Forgiveness. O Rehman, O Raheem, O Kareem....!!! One glance of Your mercy on us please, please, please.... Ameen!

Once the Prophet said that no one's deeds can give salvation except with the compassion and mercy of Allah. One of the companions asked, "O Prophet even you?" He said yes, even my deeds are not enough for me until He takes me in His veil of mercy (Ref#16). In the books of hadith an event is mentioned regarding a person from the previous Ummah, who went to an island where no one lived. He wanted to save himself from

hypocrisy so that his worship would be solely for Allah. Abu Huraira said that the Prophet_(SAW) came to us and said that his friend Gabriel_(AS) came to him and said by Allah Who sent you with Haq (truth) there was a person who worshiped his Lord for five hundred years on a mountain top on a small island surrounded by water for hundreds of miles. Allah started a fountain of sweet water for him from the mountain, and the pomegranate tree on the island would bear fruit for him daily. He would come down in the evening, do ablution, eat pomegranate, and stand up for prayers. He prayed to Allah, that his death comes in state of prostration. Allah accepted his supplication, and he died while prostrating. Gabriel_(AS) said he always found him in prostration. When he is resurrected and presented to Allah, Allah will order that he be put in Paradise due to His mercy. He will say no, due to his accumulated acts of worship. Allah will order the scale to be set up. The blessings of the eye will outweigh his five hundred years of worship. It will be ordered that he be put in the Hellfire. When he is being taken towards the Hellfire, he will cry out to Allah that he seeks the intercession of His mercy and requests Him to put him in His Paradise. Allah will call him back and ask him, when he was nothing, who created him. He will say, You my Lord. He then asks, was it because of your deeds or My mercy. He will say “because of Your mercy”. He_(SWT) will ask, who gave you the endurance to worship Him for 500 years. He will

say, “You my Lord”. Who started the fountain from which you drank sweet water and who made the pomegranate tree bear fruit every day although they give fruit once a year. He will say “You my Lord”. Allah will say, you asked Me to take your soul in prostration, it was taken while you were prostrating. Who did all this; he will say, “You my Lord”. This all is due to My mercy and with My mercy; I am sending You to Paradise. Gabriel then said, “everything is due to His mercy”. O believers he worshipped Allah with sincerity, I know my prayers they have no weight in my eyes, the worldly gods would give my prayers negative marks; Allah knows where I was in my prayers, nothing is hidden from Him. It is His mercy that we depend on. O Allah, Your mercy far exceeds our sins, it is Your mercy that we seek not the compensation for our deeds. O Allah, forgive us, we surrender to Your mercy.

There was a rogue person in the Israelites; there was no sin that he did not commit. The entire community of the city was disgusted and fed up with him. They kicked him out of the city and forbade him from re-entering the city. He started living in a deserted place. His food was tree leaves. Once he became seriously ill, and he was very upset because there was no doctor, no medicine, no food, no one to take care of him, no friend and no one to listen to his grief. He was all alone and was dying. He started calling Allah, and looked at the sky and said, “O Allah, Your kingdom will not increase if You punish me, and

neither will it decrease if You forgive me. You can see that everyone has abandoned me, because I am a big sinner. O Allah, You listen to sinner's prayers, You have announced that sinners should not lose hope in You and that You are All Forgiving, All Merciful, and that You forgive all sins. O Allah, with Your compassion, forgive me and cover my sins. O Allah, I have no supporter except You. O Allah don't disappoint this sinful slave". He repented with such grief that his soul left his body, and he died. Allah sent a revelation to Moses_(AS), that one of His friends has died, so go there and wash him and lead his funeral prayer and bury him so that He may reward him. Allah also said to make an announcement amongst the people that whosoever has lots of sins should attend his funeral prayer, He will forgive him. People rushed out of their houses to go and bury the waly (friend) of Allah. A very large crowd gathered there. When they all reached the place where the waly of Allah had died, they immediately recognized him that it was the same person whom they drove out of the city. They said to Moses_(AS) this is the same rogue person, whom we drove out of the city. Moses_(AS) was astonished too, as it was the same rogue person who could not resist sinning, and for him Allah sent His revelation that he is His friend. Allah again sent a revelation to Moses_(AS) and told him that when he was in his state of helplessness, he sincerely turned towards Him and repented to Him in such a way that it aroused My Mercy (Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh,

page 335). Allah said, O Moses_(AS) he turned out to be a miser, if he had prayed for all his people I would have forgiven them. O Allah.... How can we ever lose hope in You? O Allah, we need Your mercy, please shower us with Your Rehma and forgive us. Ameen!

A man existed amongst the companions; they would see him talking and smiling and suddenly he would burst in tears and faint. The companions told the Prophet about this man and asked for something from the Quran that they could read on him. The Prophet called that man and took him aside and asked what happened? The man said to him, O messenger of Allah he was never going to tell anyone now that you have asked him, he must tell. He said before he embraced Islam, he had a daughter. When she was born, he wanted to bury her as per their tradition. Because of cultural ideology he was afraid that she would bring shame to his family when she gets married to someone. He could not bury her, his love for his daughter overpowered his ideology. Years and Years went by, he saw his daughter grow, and one day she reached the age of puberty, and she was about to become a lady. He said that he started to have nightmares, desperation and distress and the pain of culture came back to him. Day by day he wanted to do something, but her love stopped him. Until one day he could not handle it. O Prophet of Allah, one day I told her mother to dress her up in neat clothes, brush her hair and decorate her face nicely and tell her that her father

is taking her out to party. The mother understood, when she was dressing her, she was crying. The daughter asked her mother what's wrong and she replied nothing (she was afraid that he will beat her and even kill her). In the evening, he came to take his daughter, my wife grabbed my hand and whispered "Don't lose her trust, your daughter is your trust" this made my heart shiver. He said that he took his daughter and left the house. She kept playing around me thinking that I loved her. He said, when we reached a deep well which had sharp rocks at the bottom, suddenly the agony of our culture overpowered me, I grabbed her and threw her in the well. As she was falling, she cried, daddy don't lose the trust until her tiny voice died. With his beard soaked in tears the Prophet(SAW) looked at him and said, if Allah was to allow me to punish anyone for the killing and murder before Islam, I would have started with you (Ref#17). Allah has forgiven all past sins. O Allah... What about us, please forgive us. Ameen!

There was a man who would sit on a pathway fully drunk every night, as people walked towards the mosque for Dawn prayers. He would abuse them, insult them. Then one night changed his entire life. He was seen in the mosque at Dawn, people thought he lost his way. The next night he was again in the mosque. The Shaykh went to him and asked him to tell his story. The man said, "Last night, while watching people walk towards the mosque, I heard the muezzin say, "Allah is the

greatest, Allah is the greatest", it touched my heart, I felt ashamed of my condition. I ran home, locked myself in my room, and humbly fell in prostration before the Lord of the entire universe. I cried in humility before Him, and raised hands towards the heavens and said, "O my Lord, there is a barrier between me and You, I cannot break it, but I know You can". As soon as I said this the barrier broke, I felt the mercy of Allah in my heart, and I was in mosque at dawn. Subhan-Allah! O Allah, make us Your repenting slaves, and forgive us. Ameen!

After these stories if someone still loses hope in Allah then he has no one to blame except himself. Our Lord is calling us; He is waiting for us to return to him, because He loves us. O people, O Muslims come back to Him, He loves us, and He will forgive us, all He wants is a sincere apology. In short, the story goes that once Umar_(RA) saw a young man crying bitterly. He asked the young man what happened. He said that he had committed a heinous crime, and he fears Allah's wrath. He told Umar_(RA) that he was very upset and would be obliged if he could intercede on his behalf in front of the Prophet_(AS). Umar_(RA) came to the Prophet he was crying. The Prophet asked Umar why he was crying? He said O beloved of Allah, I was coming to visit you, and, on the way, I saw a young man crying bitterly and I could not hold back my tears. The Prophet_(AS) gave permission to Umar_(RA) to let him in. The young man came in and again started to cry bitterly. The

Prophet_(AS) took the young man to one side and asked, what happened. He said that he has committed a heinous crime. The Prophet_(AS) asked, “Is your crime greater than the heavens of Allah”? He said O Prophet_(AS) yes, “my crime is greater”. Prophet_(AS) then asked, “Is your crime greater than the throne of Allah”? He said yes, “my crime is greater”. Prophet_(AS) asked him if he had committed polytheism? He said “O Prophet_(AS) He did not commit polytheism. Prophet_(AS) asked him did he kill someone? He said O Prophet_(AS) He did not kill anyone. Prophet_(AS) then asked him what sin he committed. He said O Prophet of Allah his crime was very big. For the past few years, he would steal the kafan (white cloth strapped around the dead person) from the dead to sustain himself. Few days back a young girl from Ansar died. As usual he went to steal the kafan. After striping her body, he was about to leave when Satan sexually aroused him and he committed sex with the corpse, and as he was about to leave, he heard a voice say you stripped me naked in front of other dead corpses and on the Day of Judgment I will be standing dirty without a bath in front of Allah. This had such an impact on me that I can feel the wrath of Allah on me. When Prophet_(AS) heard this, he was angry and told him that he has indeed done a great sin by having sex with the dead girl. He left the company of Prophet_(AS) crying. He did not want to stay because Prophet_(AS) was angry and was concerned that he may say something that would ruin him completely. He

then climbed a mountain and for forty days, he kept crying, praying, prostrating and repenting to Allah. He would say “O Allah, I visited the Prophet, and he too said that I have committed a very heinous crime, O Allah, where can I go, I have no one besides You, forgive me”. On the fortieth day Gabriel came to the Prophet gave him his and Allah’s salam and said that Allah asks, O my beloved did you create the creatures, or He created them. The Prophet(SAW) said He created me, and all the creatures. Gabriel said, Allah asks whether you or He is the sustainer of the creation. The Prophet replied that Allah is my sustainer and sustainer of all creations. Gabriel said Allah asks whether you are the forgiver of sins or He is the forgiver. The Prophet replied, “Allah is the forgiver of all sins.” Gabriel then said that Allah sent you a message saying: O My beloved there is a servant of mine who cried and repented so much that I have forgiven him. The Prophet then sent one of his companions to give the young man the glad tiding that Allah has forgiven him. Oh Allah.... Your mercy has no bounds, we are anxious, please forgive us. O Allah, how can we ever lose hope in Your mercy. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!

In the Quran in Surah Burooj, Allah tells us a story of a monotheist Christian tribe that lived in Yemen. The ruler of Yemen at that time was a polytheist. He tried to force the Christian tribe to convert to his religion. They refused to change their religion. The king ordered trenches to be

dug. When the trenches were dug, he started a fire in the trenches. He then ordered that old men, young, babies, men, women and children to be thrown in the fire. They all died. This was a crime against humanity and most of all against His true believers. If it was anyone else, he would have killed them all, destroyed anything attributed to them. But our merciful Allah said that those who committed this heinous crime if they do not repent then they will suffer the agony of burning and torments of Hell (85:1-10). Allah(SWT) left his door of mercy open even for those who burned alive His beloved believers. This is Allah my Lord and your Lord. Oh, Allah I am speechless, there is no way we can encompass Your mercy. O Allah, forgive me, my parents, my family, relatives, friends and all believing Muslims. O Allah, my book of Sijjin is blackened with my sins. O Allah, white wash our books of Sijjin with Your mercy and convert them into good deeds. Ameen!

Conclusion on Allah's love

O people, the Prophet(SAW) said, he repents to Allah more than hundred times a day (Muslim). Repent before it is too late. Every day the sea with tsunamis, the earth with earth quakes, the angels with destructive powers, seek Allah's permission to destroy the human race. They all ask Allah, how long is He going to tolerate their accesses and defiance of His commands? Our Hannan Allah, our Mannan Allah, our Ghaffar Allah, our Wahab Allah, our Razzak Allah, says to them, if

they are your slaves then do whatever you want to do with them, and if they are My slaves, then it is between Me and them. Oh Allah....!!! Thank You, You are our Lord!!! He then announced that if they come back to Him in the day time with remorse, He will accept them, and if they come back to Him at night with remorse, He will accept them. Allah asks if there is anyone who is more generous, who is more Kind, who is more merciful than Him? We have no one, O' Hannan Allah, O' Mannan Allah. Your mercy is our only hope, please, forgive us. Ameen!

He, who has Allah, has everything. The Source of all our powers is our connection with Allah, and unless we learn how to plugin in this Source, no work of ours will be successful. O people if you learnt nothing but learnt how to take from the treasures (by praying) of Allah, then you need no one else. He has decreed for us our sustenance we cannot have cent more or cent less than that what has been decreed. The choice we have is whether we want it from halal source or haram source. The only way to increase the sustenance is by giving charity which is returned 10 folds, or calamity is removed. Thank You Allah! People usually lose hope in Allah, because they asked Allah and they did not get it or it was delayed. This could be because we do not call him with sincerity. To explain what I mean, I will try to explain it with an example from history books. It is said that once tyrant Hajaj Bin Yousuf was walking around Kaaba, he saw a blind man calling out to Allah "O

Allah, give me my eye sight". After third round Hajaj enquired from the blind man, for how long has he been praying for his eye sight? The blind man replied that he has been supplicating for a very long time. Hajaj said to the blind man that he has finished three rounds and if by end of seventh rounds his eye sight does not come back, he will sever his neck. Hajaj was known to do what he said. The blind man was so scared that he supplicated to Allah with sincerity and in the seventh round he could see. After the seventh round Hajaj asked him if he could see. He said he can see now. Hajaj said, you were asking from Allah without conviction, and when you made a sincere effort, you got the fruit. It is not that Allah does not listen to us, rather it is because we ask without conviction.

Whoever believes in Allah, he is a potential friend of Allah. The more one reflects in his character the attributes of Allah, the dearer he is to Allah. Allah wants us to be his friend. Allah says, "when I take someone to be my friend and my beloved, then I become his eyes, I become his ears, and as a consequence, I reside in his thoughts" (i.e. that person obeys his Master). Further Allah says that "whatever he asks Me, I give it to him and when he seeks My refuge, I grant it to him". O brothers, Allah's friendship will never come to an end. Allah is real and He is a true loyal friend. Allah's friends, when they do something good, they feel good, and when they do something bad, they feel bad. When Allah grants them what they want,

they feel happy and when Allah does not grant it, they feel happier, because the first choice was theirs and the second choice was of their beloved Allah's. **O Allah, make us one Whom You call a friend. Ameen!**

If you do per chance commit a sin, then at least try to follow it up with good deeds. That will erase the ill effect of your sin. Allah has ordained limits for us; He has made certain things obligatory for us and certain things forbidden. In theory we all know what is wrong and what is forbidden, yet we will engage in lots of wrongs and sins because we are humans. Undoubtedly, Allah is the most merciful and His doors are always open. There is always hope with Allah. There are those when they commit a sin, it hurts them, it haunts them, it bothers them, and they turn to Allah and seek His forgiveness. Who is there beside Allah who can forgive? Allah says in the Quran: **O Prophet, say, "O My servant, who have wronged their own soul; do not despair of Allah's mercy; surely Allah forgives all sins; He is all forgiving and all merciful (39:53).** When this verse was revealed, the Satan cried and said: If the believers have this concession, I have no hope. Abdullah Bin Masood said that there is nothing that is more consoling to the sinner than this verse. If we repent sincerely to Allah, this verse says, Allah's door is open for us. This should make us appreciate our Merciful Lord. The Prophet said that he feared if we did not sin, a

greater sin of arrogance would grip us. May Allah protect us from it. Ameen!

O Muslims, when we lived with the Islamic code of conduct, we ruled from west of China to east of France. We can again become a dignified nation if we start living by the principles and the Islamic code of conduct. O Muslims, we are living in the age of turmoil. In times of turmoil, we need motivation. For motivation we should read about the heroes of Islam, which should be a source of inspiration for us. When Ali_(RA) became the caliph, it was the time of difficulty and fitnah (turmoil). In his first ceremonial speech he ascended the pulpit and said, O believers you need a man of action, not a man who just talks, and descended the pulpit. Revolutions come through action not talking. If revolutions came by talking, there would be revolutions every hour because we are very good at talking. The help of Allah comes with the actions and not through talking. If you want the mercy and help of Allah to descend, then we must translate our talks into actions. O Muslims, if we want to stop the downfall of the Ummah and raise it from decadence. We must adapt ourselves to the teaching of the Quran, which instigated the beginning of the Ummah. We must study what the Quran tells us, and what the tradition of the Prophet_(SAW) tells us. That is the only way we can revive the Ummah. We should be ready to go beyond the bare minimums to revive the Ummah. Ibn-e-Abbas_(RA) says that he did not see a single companion who did not pray

late night (tahajud) prayer because that is the best time to connect with Allah. If we want our connections with Allah, we must pray tahajud prayers. If we don't do that then how are we going to get better? We must take steps to become better Muslims to reach that level of faith. O Muslims, Allah says: **“And seek through patience and prayer, and indeed it is difficult except for the humbly submissive to Allah”** (2:45). Abu Huraira narrates that the Prophet(SAW) said: “No one will enter Paradise except with Allah’s mercy”. The companions asked the Prophet(SAW), “even you”. He said, “yes, even I, except that He will cover me with his mercy” (Ref#20). Stay nearer to the book of Allah and keep correcting yourself by routinely making late night prayers; you will reach your destination (paradise).

When a sinning slave engrosses himself in a sin, our Lord Allah still wants his slave to come back to him. He waits for him with greater longing than a mother who is waiting for her long-lost child to return. This is my and your Lord. In a hadith in Muslim, it is mentioned that one person was travelling in a desert on a camel with his provisions. He stopped for rest and fell asleep. Upon waking he saw that the camel had disappeared. He searched for the camel but could not find it. He knew that he did not have food or water with him and as such he could not cross the desert on foot. Eventually he gave up hope, he prepared himself to die of thirst. In his worry he lulled to sleep. When he woke up, he saw his

camel with his provision standing there. He was so overjoyed that his tongue slipped and said Allah You are my slave, and I am your master. In his joy he uttered the wrong words. When a sinner repents and comes back to His Master Allah, He is more overjoyed than that person (Ref#1). In the eyes of Allah, the tears of repentance are dearer to him than an arrogant practicing believer. Allah is man's best friend. It is easy to please him. He never discusses our past, and He never returns us empty handed from His court. Wakeup brothers, this is our merciful Lord. Let us turn back to him, repent to Him, and seek His forgiveness. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!

O Muslim, today some of us are giving up on their religion because of some difficulties. This world was never meant to be paradise. If we truly believe in Allah then all the hardships that we suffer in this life should drive us towards Allah the Merciful; we should adore Him, praise Him and worship him with love. Paradise is for the hereafter. Islam is a religion of hope, and we live on hope. We should believe in the promises of Allah. We should believe in the Prophets of Allah. We should believe in the Heaven, the Hellfire, the Day of Judgment, and the Destiny. We should adhere to the straight path and remember that our deeds will be weighed. These are all true things that all prophets have taught, and we should believe in them and hold on to them till death. We should believe in the promises of Allah. We should not be building for this world

but for the Hereafter. Anything that we build for this world would go to waste, as we will only carry our burial wrap with us. If calamity befalls us, so be it, we build for the Hereafter and we have hope in Allah. O Allah, we believe in You, we believe in Your angels, we believe in the books You revealed, we believe in the Paradise, we believe in the Hellfire, we believe in the Hour, and we believe in the destiny. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!

Benefits of Istaghfar (repentance)

Once Hazrat Hassan-al-Basri^(ra) was sitting when a person came and said, “Sir, I am very sinful tell me an act of worship that I can do to have my sins forgiven”. He replied go and repent. Another person came and said sir for many days it has not rained; tell me an act of worship so that Allah sends rain. He replied go and repent. Another person came and said sir, he is burdened with debt, make supplication, that Allah gives him wealth so that he can pay back his debt. He replied go and repent. Another person came and said sir, make a supplication that Allah bestows me with pious offspring. He replied go and repent. Another person came and said sir, make supplication that my garden gives lots of fruit. He replied go and repent. Yet another person came and said he would be pleased if he could have a spring fountain in his house. He replied go and repent. His student Ibn Sabih was surprised that

the teacher gave the same solution to all of them. Eventually he asked why he was telling them to repent for all the problems. Hasan-al-Basri_(RA) read a verse from the Quran that says: “Pray to your Lord for forgiveness, indeed He is Very Forgiving, and He will cause the heavens to rain upon you in abundance, and will help you with riches and sons, and will cause gardens to grow for you, and cause rivers to flow for you” (71:10-12). If we adopt the habit of repenting regularly, we wouldn’t need anyone else and we wouldn’t have to go elsewhere. **Subhan-Allah!**

Ali Bin Rabia_(RA) said that one day Ali_(RA) made me sit behind him on his ride and took me towards Harah and raised his head up towards the sky and said O Allah, forgive my sins as no one else can forgive sins except You. He then looked at me and smiled. Ali Bin Rabia asked, “O leader of the believers first you repented and then you smiled at me. Why”? He said once Prophet_(SAW) made him sit behind him on his ride and took me towards Harah, he too looked at the sky and said O Allah, forgive my sins as no one else can give forgive sins except You and then looked at me and smiled. He too asked O Prophet of Allah first you repented and then looked at me and smiled. He said when we repent, our Lord smiles and says that he knows that only I can forgive (Hayat Al-sahaba vol 3, page 350).

Sadness

The term sadness does not appear in the Quran except in the form of forbidding or negation. The reason being there is no benefit in having sadness in the heart. The most beloved thing to Satan is to make the believing slaves sad, to divert them from the right path. The Prophet^(SAW) used to seek refuge from sadness. This is because sadness weakens the heart and diminishes the determination to go forward. O people, why are we depressed? We have all the luxuries with us. If we want to change the weather in our rooms, we have air conditioning. If we want water, we have taps with running water. If we want entertainment; we have TV's, computers and mobiles that entertain us round the clock. If we want food and drinks; we have restaurants and takeaways where we can have continental, Chinese, fast foods and oriental cuisines, all night long. What makes us depressed? A study was carried out on depressed children. They were asked what would make them happy. Most of them said if they were rich and famous they would be happy. O Muslims look at the rich and the famous; look at the actors, musicians and the filthy rich, most of the rehabilitation centers are occupied by these famous and the rich. Lots of them are suicidal. They are rich and famous then why are they not happy. It is said that if you want to see the agony on their faces go back stage. They were all chasing a ghost. Allah says in the Quran that only remembrance of Allah consoles the hearts. In

another verse Allah says, **whosoever does good deeds from male and female, and is a believer, We will give them a good delight (contentment).** We should stay happy and be optimistic and think positively about Allah. We should have trust in what Allah is able to do and should depend on Him. If we do that, we will find happiness and pleasure in all situations. Let us not ruin our happiness with worries and let's not ruin our mind with pessimism. We shouldn't ruin our day by looking at yesterday. Allah has given us things without asking so, have trust in Allah. He does not restrict anything from us except that there is goodness in it. If we do what Allah asks us to do, we could be sleeping while the doors of heaven are being opened by supplication made by someone whom we helped or by someone we smiled at or by someone we showed mercy to, or by someone who was in distress, and we removed it for him. We should do good deeds even if it means smiling at someone and should never underestimate the impact of good deeds. If Allah has destined for us a calamity, then it must have benefits for us. Allah will never harm us because he loves us ninety-nine folds more than our mothers. We should feel remorse when calamity befalls on someone else and should console them. We should stay content with what Allah has ordained for us.

O Muslim, even if you are poor give hundred rupees in charity for the sake of Allah and then feel the contentment and happiness that you will

get. Come and pray two rakats in the mosque and see what it does to your heart. Pray two rakats after midnight and see what it does to you. Hasanat (good deeds) do not look good from the outside, while the sins look good. All sins are like casinos, they look immaculate and eloquent from outside and when you come out you are depressed, you have lost money. Commit a sin and you will have headache and depression because Allah says in the Quran: *Whosoever leaves My way, We shall make his life narrow and restricted and if he dies in that state he will be resurrected blind. He will call out, O my Lord why have You resurrected me blind when in the world I could see. Allah will say, My verses came to you, My signs came to you, you forsook them, today we have forsaken you* (20:124-127). We will be tested with pleasure and sorrow. O believers bow and prostrate to Allah to thank Him, in happiness and in prosperity and stay patient in calamity. O Muslim, the way of the tears is the way to comfort. We should make emotional supplications in private, and by the will of Allah all wounds will heal, the broken and wounded hearts will recover, the sick and the ill will gain their strength, grand sins can be pardoned by Allah. By remembering Allah, we learn to be content, and life becomes pleasant. Happiness is not having everything; rather happiness is being content with what one has. We should rely with determination and honesty on our Lord. O Muslims let us return to Allah and seek shelter under His refuge. Let us

end our harsh era and start a new life in the way of “tears of comfort”. This will liberate us from the fears of our destiny. It will enhance our spiritual, physical and intellectual powers. It is necessary that we believe that we can change our lives. Keep holding to the things you asked for, put your trust and faith in Allah and believe that it will be fulfilled. Step aside from grief as it is a tool in the hands of Satan, who will sidetrack you from your loving Lord. O Allah, we seek Your refuge from the Foot Steps of Satan, and we seek Your refuge that they visit us. O Allah, we seek Your refuge that we associate partners with You knowingly and we seek Your pardon for the polytheism we committed in ignorance.

My Concluding Comments

When the Quran tells us that we are heading for Hellfire, we are not ready to accept it because we are not sure. But when we are driving on a highway and although it seems that all is clear. Then we hear the news on radio that five kilometers ahead there has been an accident and traffic conditions are bad, and if we can exit, we should exit. We saw nothing but believed in what we heard and would take the next exit from the highway. Allah has provided humans with the capability to think even if they haven't seen it. If fire broke out in a building, and people were told to leave from such and such exit, we will obey, while animals will not understand because

animals must see to believe and humans can understand without seeing.

O people, humans have been made to be forgetful, on top of that they were given desires; on top of that they were surrounded with temptations and were sent to the world to remember Allah (this is the test). In this world we will never truly be happy, no matter what Allah gives us. We will never truly be content. This world is designed to break our hearts; if we are looking to be happy in this world then we are in the wrong place. We should not feel worthless because we are the slaves of All Merciful. We should rid ourselves of the slavery of fashion, money, fame, beauty, power and position. We should be grateful to Allah because He chose us from billions of human beings and blessed us with Islam. O brothers, pain and suffering only become negative, when it creates a barrier between us and Allah. But it becomes positive when it brings us back to Allah. We should accept article six of our religion, Destiny. Remember, Allah is in control, so don't stress yourself out and leave it to Him. We belong to Him and to Him is our return.

O Muslims, remember if we are stricken with poverty, there are those who are chained in debt. If we don't have shoes, there are those who have no feet. If we are in pain, there are those who have been aching for years. If we lose someone close, there are those who have lost many. If we have sinned, then we should repent for it. If we have made a mistake, then we should correct it.

The doors of repentance are always open. So don't be sad, let bygones be bygones. Being sad will not change anything, it will only spoil our lives, destroy happiness and make us wretched. Be content with Allah's predestination. Supplication is our shield, prayer is our beacon and prostration is our means. Be happy, we have sweet water to drink fresh air to breathe, feet to walk, hands to work, bed to sleep. We should thank Allah for his blessings. Hadith of Saeed Al-Khudri_(RA) and hadith of Abu Huraira_(RA) in Bukhari, Prophet_(SAW) said that no fatigue, no tiredness, no disease, no sorrow, no sadness, no hurt, no distress that befalls a Muslim even if it was a prick of a thorn, but that Allah expiates some of his sins. This should be enough for us to withstand with patience the hardships we are going through, knowing that Allah is rewarding us for it. In a hadith in Bukhari the Prophet said that whenever Allah wills good for a person, He subjects him to adversity and hardship. These hardships act like medicine; they purify us and bring us close to Allah. We should be thankful to Allah under all circumstances. O Allah, we are grateful to You that You blessed us with Islam and request You to make us from the people who are grateful to You in happiness and in adversity.

O Muslims, Allah tells Muhammad_(SAW) "When My worshippers ask you about Me, tell them that I am very close. I respond to every caller when he calls" (2:186). If we can feel the closeness of Allah, we will achieve peace. It will protect us from

evils and give us hope. He answers our prayer, and whatever decision He makes, it is always to our benefit. Never underestimate calling out to Allah. In the month of Ramadan, we get up for suhoor (just before dawn meal), this is a blessed time to call out to Allah. Don't underestimate the power of supplication. Keep asking repeatedly.

O brothers, Allah has made passing the test of world very easy. All we must do is repent regularly with sincerity. Below are three ways in Ramadan where we can have our lifelong sin forgiven. Let us go back to our loving Allah, our Lord, our Creator, and our Sustainer, Who loves us seventy folds more than our mothers.

- a) Whoever fasts the entire month of Ramadan believing in Allah and for sake of Allah, His reward is that all his sins will be forgiven.
- b) Whoever stands up in night prayers in Ramadan (tarawih and tahajjud prayers), believing in Allah and for the sake of Allah. His reward is that all his sins will be forgiven.
- c) If someone stands up for Lailatul Qadr in Ramadan believing in Allah and for His sake alone. His reward is again that all his sins will be forgiven.
- d) Getting forgiven in this world is easy; for the Hereafter all we must do is repent to Allah with sincerity. Pleasing Him here is easy but pleasing Him in the Hereafter is impossible. O Brothers, fall prostrate with sincerity in front of Lord of the Throne (Arsh-al-Kursi) to have our selves spared.

When calamity strikes, usually a sinning believer will turn to Allah and repent. What we should realize is that we should be grateful to our Lord both in pleasure and in adversity. There are two things that bring the slave close to his Lord and these are:

- a) **Pain:** In pain and agony when we find no relief elsewhere, we should turn to Allah. Allah is always waiting with open arms for His slave to come back to Him. [Subhan-Allah](#)
- b) **Thankfulness:** When one is grateful and thankful to Allah in his good days; Allah increases in the good he has but also increases His favors on the grateful slave. He said in the Quran: “[And \(remember\) when your Lord proclaimed that, if you are grateful, I will surely increase you \(in favor\)](#) (14:7).

The Prophet_(SAW) explained with an example, about his followers who obeyed him and those who did not obey him. He said that a caravan stopped somewhere to rest, and someone came and told them there was an army coming this way. There was a group that accepted his claim, and a group that rejected his claim. The group that adhered to the warning moved to a secure place. The army came and massacred all from the group that did not heed. It is as if a group of my followers who follow the Quran and my Sunnah have obeyed me and got salvation. The other groups that disobeyed me and did not take heed are the people who are dead ([Ref#18](#)). Another example narrated by Prophet_(SAW), he said a man goes in an open area

and starts a fire for light. All types of insects will flock towards the fire, and they will start hurting themselves. The man tries hard to make them go away. He is overpowered and is unable to stop them from burning themselves. It is just like he tries to stop his followers from falling in Hellfire, and is overpowered by those who disobeyed him, and they fall in it (Ref# 19). It tells us one more thing, most will fall in Hellfire, unless we follow the guidance (Quran).

O Muslims, how could we lose hope, or feel worthless when we are the slaves of Allah. Allah has chosen us from billions of human beings; He chose us and blessed us with Islam. Pain and suffering only become negative if it creates a barrier between us and Allah, and it becomes motivation when it brings us close to Allah. Allah is calling us, O my slaves come back to Me. Allah had promised us tests trial in this world, so be prepared for it with patience and gratitude. For to Him we belong and to Him is our return. If we don't lose hope, Allah will never lose us. It is said that when we lose hope, we lose everything, when we have hope we have everything. If we have Allah, we don't need anyone to give us dignity, Allah suffices. We should do what Allah likes and should not care what others say, even if it displeases them. If we do this for the pleasure of Allah, and whoever corrects his relationship with Allah, Allah corrects his relationship with creation, He will make believers pleased with him.

When you want a donkey to enter a room, you show him fodder, and if he still resists then you have stick with you. Allah wants us to enter His paradise whose doors are left open, the fodder is good deeds, and the stick is the threat of punishment. Happiness is not acquiring everything, rather being happy with what we have. When we have complaints with everybody then we should check if the fault is in us. We forget that Hereafter is the place of reward, and this world is place of test. In this world its enjoyments are a test, its sorrows are a test, having something is a test, losing something is a test, its achievements are a test, its failures are a test, and its successes are a test. As this world is a temporary abode, this is a place where we should obey Allah and not assert our will. In this world Allah is testing us and we must follow his commands. In Paradise it will be what we want. Test Allah and ask him for whatever one wants and take whatever one wants. The darkness in our lives is not the darkness of a cave but that of a tunnel, we should keep walking and one day we will exit. Allah loves a deed that is done regularly throughout life even if it is very small. We should work hard to pass the Worldly test to be able to see His Blessed Face, overwhelmingly the greatest prize. [O Allah, destine for us to see Your Face. Ameen](#)

We should develop our connection with Allah, and the way to develop connection with Allah is to recognize his signs and to learn to love His

word The Quran. We squabble over it without understanding it and lose the connection with Allah. That is why when we recite the speech of Allah nothing happens to our hearts, because we don't understand it. Develop love for Allah, Allah will love us. The best way to come closer to Allah is prayers. Today we have stopped praying as an Ummah. We have lost the tradition of Dawn prayers. We have lost the tradition of midnight prayers. We have lost the tradition of praying during our journey. We have lost the tradition of praying to Allah when we are happy, sad, or are sick etc. The first thing that we will be questioned will be about prayers. A caller calls five times a day to come to the court of the Lord of the kings and we don't have time for Him. If He was not Al-Kareem, we would have been in lots of trouble. O brothers start praying before the time for the test ends. Prepare yourself for the Hereafter. When we do this, Allah will love us. It is narrated in a hadith that the Prophet said that when Allah loves a slave, He calls on Gabriel^(AS) the leader of the angels. Gabriel about whom Allah said in the Quran, [that whoever is an enemy to Allah, His angels, His messengers, Gabriel and Michael, then Allah, is the enemy to such disbelievers \(2:98\)](#). Allah calls on him to share His love for a person. Allah tells Gabriel that He loves so and so (think that so and so is you), and commands Gabriel to love him. So, Gabriel will love him. Gabriel calls upon the inhabitants of the heavens the angels, and commands them to love

that person whom Allah loves. All the angels will start loving him. Then Allah will make believers on earth to love that person. Allah becomes his friend, all angels become his friend, and all believers become his friend (Ref#3). O Muslims, let us become the person who loves his Merciful Lord and in return whom Allah loves. Let us bow and prostrate to Him in humility in our prayers. Prayer is an indicator that tells us how much we love and appreciate Allah. O Allah, embed in us Your love, so that we love You with fullest heart and please You with our utmost effort and make us from those who prostrate to You, day and night. Ameen!

Allah in the Quran says: “Had we sent down this Quran upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbling itself and splitting asunder from the fear of Allah. We present these parables before the people so that they may reflect (on themselves)” (59:21). Five Qualities of Believers: Allah mentions in the Quran the qualities of the believers: “The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His verses are recited to them, it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely. They are the ones who establish prayer, and from what We have provided them, they spend. These are believers, truly. For them are degrees (high positions) with their Lord and forgiveness and noble provision” (8:2-4).

O Muslim, Allah has specific angels that roam the streets and seek out slaves that remember Him. These angels tell Him, that such and such slaves

of His were remembering Him and worshipping Him. Allah asks the angels, have they seen Him. The angels say, “No, O Lord”. Allah asks, “What if they had seen Him”. The angels said, “They would have worshiped You more than us”. Allah asks, “Why were they worshipping Me and what do they want? The angels said, “They seek Your Paradise”. Allah asks, “Have they seen my Paradise”. Angels say, “No, O Lord”. Allah asks, “What if they saw my Paradise”, the angels say they would have worshipped You with more vigor. Allah asked, “What are they afraid of”. Angels said, “They fear Your Hellfire”. Allah asks, “Have they seen my Hellfire”. Angels say, “No, O Lord”. Allah asks, “Had they seen it”. The angels said, “O lord they would have tried to flee from it and would have worshiped and repented more to You”. Allah makes them His witness and says that he has forgiven them (us). **Thank You Allah!**

O People, one of the last messages of Allah that was revealed in the Quran is: **“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). Where we will be recompensed for our deeds and no man will be wronged. Oh Allah: “To You we belong and to You is our return”. The long journey to our Lord is coming to an end. Let us look at what we have gathered for the Hereafter. Are we prepared to meet our Merciful Lord or are we a disgrace to

ourselves? Until death catches up, we can repent with sincerity and be forgiven, none can forgive except Him. I would like to end my conclusion with two stories.

The Prophet was touring Paradise after his ascension into the heavens, when he felt a beautiful fragrance. The Prophet asked Gabriel about the fragrance. He told him that it was coming from the hairdresser of the Pharaoh. The Prophet asked him to relate her story to him. Gabriel said that once the hairdresser was combing the hairs of the daughter of the Pharaoh when the comb fell. The hairdresser said Bismillah. The princess asked, “did you mean my father”, she said no, I meant Allah, my Lord and your father’s lord. The princess said I should tell this to my father. The hair dresser said, “go ahead.” Next day the hairdresser was summoned to the Pharaoh’s court. He asked her, “Who is your Lord. She said Allah is my Lord and your Lord. He let her go. Next day he sent his men to bring her and her children in his court. He had a huge pan with oil boiling in it. He asked her with echoes of laughter, “Who is your Lord?” She replied, “Allah is my Lord and your Lord”. The guard seized one of her children and tossed him into the boiling oil; he was charred in minutes. Pharaoh asked her with echoes of laughter, “Who is your lord”? She again replied, “Allah is my Lord and your Lord”. The guard seized the second child and tossed him into the boiling oil; he too was charred in minutes. The guard snatched the

baby and held him over the boiling oil. Pharaoh again asked her while giggling, “Who is your lord?” This time she hesitated for a few seconds when her baby spoke, mother we will meet in Paradise. She said Allah is my Lord and your Lord. He threw them both in the boiling oil. Allah has made that tyrant a living sign for the people to come. While her fragrance can be smelled in Paradise. O Allah our belief is not that strong, and O Allah You are also the Lord of the people of weak beliefs, make a way for our forgiveness. Ameen!

There was a pious woman who had a child who transgressed in all types of sins, his name was Dinar Alayyar. She tried to guide him a lot, but to no avail. One day Dinar was walking in the graveyard when he came across a deteriorated bone that changed his life. Cursing himself, he said this is what you will become. He started recalling all his sins and then looked up at the sky and repented to Allah. He came to his mother and asked her, what is the punishment for a fugitive slave? She said that they give him coarse clothes to wear, low quality food to eat and they tie their hands and feet so that they may not run away. Dinar persuaded his mother to do exactly that, so that Allah may forgive him. Seeing he was adamant she submitted to his demands. Dinar was given coarse clothes to wear, low quality food to eat and his hands and feet were tied. He died in that state. His mother called out to the people; O people come to the funeral of my son who was petrified

of the Hellfire. A few days later Dinars' friend saw him in his dream. He told him to tell his mother that Allah had forgiven him. O Allah what will be our fate. Fill our hearts with Your fear. Ameen! O Allah, make us among those who repent and who stay bodily and morally clean. O Allah, make us from those who have determination and are thankful to You. O Allah, give us comfort, joy, peace, love, guidance and protect us from all evils. Ameen!

While I was correcting errors from my above book, I came across questions that Prophet Moses_(AS) asked Allah. They answered my question that Allah is also the Lord of people of weak beliefs. It is said that once Prophet Moses_(AS) went on top of a mountain and asked Allah to show him His most sinning slave. Allah told him to descend from the mountain he would see him. Moses_(AS) descended the mountain and saw a man walking by holding his son's hand. The next day Moses_(AS) climbed the mountain and asked Him to show him His most pious slave. Allah again said, descend the mountain and you will see him. Moses descended the mountain and saw the same man passing by. Moses called out to Allah and said, "O Allah how can a man be both the most sinning slave and the most pious slave". Allah replied that yesterday when he was walking with his son, his son asked him a question. He asked his dad which is the most powerful thing. His father replied, the earth. He then asked what is more powerful than the earth. His father replied that water washes and takes the earth with it. The child again asked what is stronger than

water. His father replied to heavens that converts the water into vapors. The child again asked what is more powerful than the heavens. He said your dad's sins, which bring destruction everywhere. The child again asked what is powerful than your sins; he said Allah's mercy, which wipes out all sins. Allah says I forgave all his sins and converted them into good deeds. O' Allah Your mercy encompasses everything, and Your mercy is far greater than our sins. Hasbi-Allah (Allah is enough for me), O Allah You are enough for me, O Allah, You are my sustainer, my provider and my reliever. Ameen!

**In humbleness I found such amusement that I lost my
arrogance
Your blessings stopped me from falling in the pit**

Supplication

O Allah, we beg You, O God, O Merciful, O Compassionate, O protector of the seeker of protection, O protection of the horror stricken, O pillar of the one who has no pillar, O supporter of the one who has no support, O provision of the one who has no provision, O guardian of the weak, O treasure of the poor, O great One on whom one can place hope, O deliverer of the ruined and rescuer of the drowning, O Good One, You are the One before Whom the darkness of the night, the brightness of the day, the ray of the sun and the light of the moon, the rustling of the trees and the reverberation of the water, show submission to. O Allah, You are Allah, there is no

partner with You. We beg You, that You shower blessings on Muhammad_(SAW), Your servant and Your messenger and on the family of Muhammad_(SAW). Ameen!

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 the love of a loving mother. O Allah fills our hearts with mercy, because You are the most merciful, and love those who are merciful. O Allah, build in us compassion for Your creation, because You are Compassionate and love those who are compassionate. O Allah, make us soft hearted so that we may forgive the transgressors, because You love forgiving and love those who forgive. O Allah, make us from the people who are patient when calamity befalls them, because You love those who are patient.

O Allah, make us charitable so that we fulfill the needs of the needy, for You love those who are charitable. O Allah, give us the courage to come in support of the oppressed, because You love those who help the oppressed. O Allah, make us be caring for our family, relatives, friends, Muslims, and humanity in general, for You love those who are compassionate. O Allah, make us from those who unite the Ummah on the principles of the Quran and Sunnah of Muhammad_(SAW), and not from those who divide it. O Allah, the Prophet said that his Ummah will

split into 73 sects and only one will go to Paradise, the sect that will follow the Quran, his Sunnah, and the Sunnah of his companions. O Allah, make us from them. O Allah, make us from those who turn to the Quran during tribulation. Ameen!

O Allah, I am ashamed of myself and all the sins I have committed. I am also ashamed of all Your commandments that I have disobeyed in my life. O Allah, forgive my wretched soul, for no one can forgive me except You. O Allah, the last verse that was revealed in the Quran said: **“be mindful and aware of the day when you will return to your Lord”** (2:281). O Allah, I am seventy-three, I have nearly exhausted my time of stay on this earth, and my preparations for the Hereafter are zero. O Allah, weakness has gripped me, and death is catching up with me, and mountains of sins are hovering over me. O Allah, I forgot that to You I belong and to You is my return. O Allah, I have wronged myself by disobeying Your commandments. O Allah, forgive me.

O Allah, sometimes while prostrating, I get a notion to kiss Your Feet. My inner self reminds me that I have always been disobedient to You, I retract from the notion. O Allah, sometimes I get a notion to lick Your feet just like a dog licks his master's feet. My inner self rebukes me and says, the dogs are faithful to their masters, and you never were. Oh Allah, I retract from this notion too. O Allah, I know that without Your mercy I am worthless.

O Allah, while making intention for my Tahajjud prayers, I usually say, “I turn my face in exclusive devotion to the One Who created the heavens and the earth, and I am certainly not of those who associate others with Him. My Prayer, all my acts of worship, and my living and my dying are for Allah alone, the Lord of the whole universe. He has no partners. Usually I stop here, unintentionally rarely when I read the next sentence, “This is what I have been commanded, and I am a Muslim”. Although I claim I am a Muslim, my tongue stutters, my soul scolds me and says that I am not qualified to call myself a Muslim without attaining the attributes of Allah. O Allah, I know my character and my ethics are not worthy of it. O my beloved Lord, please forgive me, and make me Your obedient servant who is bound by Your commandments, so that my inner self can say that I am now a Muslim. Ameen!

O Allah, without Your mercy, my prayers are worthless as I lack focus, my charities are worthless as it has touch of hypocrisy, my worship is worthless as it lacks conviction, and I am worthless as I am a big sinner. Oh Allah, oh my Lord, have mercy, please, please.... forgive me. Oh Allah, I seek refuge in Your pleasure from Your anger, and I seek refuge in Your mercy from Your punishment, and I seek refuge with You from You. O Allah, sometimes I get a notion to ask You, to make me from the last one who will cross the Bridge (Pulsirat), or at least make me

that last person who will be taken out of the Hellfire, or at least make me from the people of Aaraaf, who will neither be in the Paradise, nor in the Hellfire. O Allah, when the saying of our beloved the Prophet comes to mind which says that when asking You, we should not ask with conservation but ask in abundance, as there is nothing which You cannot grant. O Allah, I ask You, to make my wife and my progeny coolness of my eyes, and to make me the leader of the believers. Ameen!

O Allah, I am Your repenting slave, separate me from my sins as You have separated the East from West. O Allah, cleanse me of my sins as white cloth is cleaned of its dirt. O Allah, wash me of my sins with water ice and snow. O Allah, You are my Lord and there is no Lord besides You. You created me and I am Your slave. I will try to fulfill the commitments and convictions made to You. Yet I'll make lots of mistakes. O Allah, save me from the predicaments of my deeds. O Allah, I recognize all Your blessings, and I confess all my sins. O Allah, forgive me and no one can forgive me except You. O Allah, perfect the religion in me, as it is of utmost importance for me. O Allah, make this world right for me as I currently live in it. O Allah, make my hereafter right which is my permanent abode.

O Allah, I believe in You, I believe in Your angels, I believe in the books You sent, I believe in Your prophets, and I believe in the Hour, and I believe in Destiny. O Allah, I am worthless, but I

am Your slave, and no one is more merciful than You. O Allah, You said not to lose hope in You. Your hope is the only straw I have that will save me from sinking in the sea of sins here, and in the oceans of fire in the Hereafter. O Allah don't lose me, I am bad, but I believe in You, and I am Your slave, and, in Your mercy, I believe, and I believe that Your way is the only way to salvation.

O Allah, I am a worthless slave of Yours, and You love all Your slaves, make a way for my salvation. O Allah, help me, and I know You can help. I confess to all my sins, and leave myself at Your mercy, for none is more merciful than You. O Allah, the very idea that I could be in Hellfire petrifies me. O Allah, I seek refuge in Your pleasure from Your anger, and O Allah, I seek refuge in Your mercy from Your punishment, and O Allah, I seek refuge with You from You. O Allah, distance me and all Muslims from the Hellfire, as it is the worst place to be in. O Allah, cleanse my sins and sins of all Muslims and make us worthy of being Your friend. O Allah, I want to be Your friend, please raise my status to be worthy of it. O Allah, I have a strong belief that my Merciful Lord will forgive me. O Allah, embed in me Your love, so that I love You with fullest heart, and please You with my utmost effort in Your way. O Allah, help me to remember You, to thank You and to worship You in the best manner.

O Allah, I seek refuge with You from the punishment of the grave, and I seek refuge with

You from the punishment of Hellfire, and I seek refuge with You from the trials of false Crist, and I seek refuge with You from the trials of living and dying. O Allah, I seek refuge with You from sins and debt. O Allah, I ask You for repentance before death, and tranquility at the time of death, and pardon and tranquility after death. O Allah, I ask Your forgiveness at the time of accounting, and success in acquiring the Paradise and rescuing from the Hellfire. O Allah, I am pleased with You as my sustainer, and I am pleased with Islam as my way of life, and I am pleased with Muhammad(SAW) as Your messenger and my guide. O Allah, increase me in good and don't decrease it, O Allah, elevate me don't degrade me, O Allah, give me what is good and don't deprive me. O Allah, make me influential and not the influenced one. O Allah, be pleased with me and make me pleased with You. Ameen!

O Allah, we as an Ummah have lost our way, please guide us to Your way. O Allah, raise the Ummah back to the golden era. O Allah, wherever the Muslims are fighting the oppressors, help them with Your armies. O Allah, pardon the believers and Muslims, and embed in them the love for each other, and improve their relations with each other. O Allah, give us victory over Your and our adversary. O Allah put Your curse on the non-believers who stop people from Your way, who reject Your messengers and kill Your friends. O Allah, disunite them, and shatter their

gatherings, and place Your wrath on them, which You never restrict from rogue nations. Ameen!

O Allah, give us thought and wisdom on what we read from Your book, and give us its understanding, and let us recognize its wonders, and give us good deeds that will carry. O Allah, You have power over all. O Allah, all praises are for You, You are the light of the heavens and the earth, and whatever is in them, and all praises are for You. You are the sustainer of the heavens and the earth, and whatever is in them, and all praises are for You. You are the truth, and Your promise is true, and Your words are true, the meeting with You is true, The Paradise is true, the Hell is true, the Hour is true, the prophets are true, and Muhammad_(SAW) is true. O Allah, we surrender ourselves to You and we depend on You and we believe in You, and we turn in repentance to You, and on Your account, we quarrel, and to You we turn for judgment. So please forgive our past and future sins, and whatever we have done in secret, and whatever we have done in public, You are the expeditor and You are the delayer. O Allah, we are grateful to You for writing on Your throne, that Your mercy will overcome Your anger. O Allah, conceal our sins in this world and in the Hereafter. O Allah, conceal them from our beloved Prophet_(SAW). O Allah, send peace and blessings on Your and our beloved Prophet Muhammad_(SAW) and his family. Ameen!

میں آنکھیں نہیں دیکھ سکتا، راستہ، تے دھیوے کون سنہجلا

I am blind, the way is slippery, and there is no one to hold me

دَھکے دیوَن بُوھتے، تے توں ہتھ پکڑن والا

Most are there to push and only You Allah are there to hold me

پچھلی راتیں رحمت رُب دی کرے بلند آوازہ

In the middle of the night Allah's blessing calls out

بخشش منگن والیاں تائیں کھلا ہے دروازہ

There are seekers of His blessing, that's why the doors are open

Hadith References

Ref#1

عن انس بن مالك قال قال رسول الله ﷺ الله اشد فرحاً بتوبة عبده حين يتوب اليه. من احدكم كان على راحلته بارض فلاة فانفلتت منه وعليها طعامه وشرابه فأيس منها فأتى شجرة فاضطجع في ظلها قد ايس من راحلته فبينما هو كذلك اذا هو بها قائمة عنده فأخذ بخطامها ثم قال من شدة الفرح اللهم انت عبدى وانا ربك اخطأ من شدة الفرح. صحيح مسلم كتاب الآداب حديث 7060

It is narrated by Anas bin Malik(RA) that the Prophet said that your Lord is more pleased than the person who was travelling on his camel in a desert and lost his ride which was carrying his food and water. After losing hope of ever finding it, he lay down under the shade of a tree and suddenly he saw his ride standing near him. He grabbed his rein and, in the intensity of his joy said, “O Allah You are my slave, and I am Your master”. In his joy, he flipped. (Sahih Muslim, Kitab Al-Adaab, No. 7060.)

Ref#2

عن ابى هريرة عن رسول الله قال: اسر فرجل على نفسه فلما حضرة الموت أوطى بنيه فقال: إذا أنا مت فأحرقوني ثم اسحقوني ثم ذروني في الريح. فوالله لأن قدر على ربى ليعذبني عذاباً ما عذبه أحداً. قال: ففعلوا به ذلك. فقال للأرض: أدي ما أخذت. فإذا هو قائم. فقال له: ما حملك على ما صنعت؟ قال: خشيتك أو مخافتك يا رب فغفر له لذلك. سنن ابن ماجه حديث 4255

It is narrated by Abu Huraira(RA) that the Prophet said that a person committed excesses against himself (by

committing lots of sins). When his time of death came, he told his children that they should burn his body and spread the ash in winds and waters. He said, by Allah if He catches him, He will punish him with a punishment which He has never given to anyone. His sons did what he requested. Allah ordered the land and the sea to gather his ash; they gathered his entire ash, and he was resurrected. Allah asked him what made you do what you did. He said that he was petrified of Him. Allah forgave him. (Sunan Ibn-e-Majah, No. 4255,)

Ref#3

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال قال رسول الله ﷺ: إن الله إذا أحب عبداً دعا جبرئيل عليه السلام فقال إني أحب فلاناً فأحبه قال فيحبه جبرئيل ثم ينادى في السماء فيقول إن الله يحب فلاناً فأحبه فيحبه أهل السماء قال ثم يوضع له القبول في الأرض. صحيح مسلم، كتاب البر، حديث 6705

It is narrated by Abu Huraira(RA) that the Prophet said that when Allah loves a person, he calls Gabriel(AS) and tells him that He loves so and so person, you should love him too. Gabriel starts loving him. An announcement is made in the heavens that Allah loves such and such a person so you should love him too. The inhabitants of the heavens start loving him and then on earth he is made popular. (Muslim, Book of Good, H6705)

Ref#4

قوله ﷺ: تخلقوا بأخلاق الله تعالى (تفسير رازی)

He(SAW) said adopt the characters and the attributes of Allah(SWT).

Ref#5

ذو الكفل من بنى اسرائيل لا يتورع من ذنب عمله فأنته امرأة فأعطاها ستين ديناراً على أن يطأها فلما قعد منها مقعد الرجل من امرأته ارتعدت وبكت فقال ما يبكيك أأكرهتك قالت لا ولكنه عمل ما عملته قط وما حملني عليه الا الحاجة فقال تفعلين انت هذا وما فعلته اذهبي فهي لك وقال والله لا أعصى الله بعدها أبداً فمات من ليلته فأصبح مكتوباً على بابيه إن الله قد غفر

لذي كفل - تفسير قرطبي، جز 11 ص: 328

Zulkifal was an Israelite. He was a sinner and promiscuous. He gave a woman sixty Dinars to have sex with her. When Zulkifil was about to have sex with her she started to tremble and cry. Zulkifil asked her if he had forced her to do this promiscuous act. The woman replied, no. But the truth is that she had never engaged in such heinous act before, it is poverty and hunger that motivated her to it. Zulkifil said you were forced to do this, and you never did this before. He said go; these sixty Dinars are yours. Zulkifil decided that he would never again disobey Allah. The very same night when he repented, he died. In the morning on his main door was written “Allah has forgiven Zulkifil” (Tafseer Kutbi, Vol. 11, P.328.).

Ref#6

حكى أن شيخاً حج مع شاب فلما أحرم قال لبيك اللهم لبيك فليل له لا لبيك فقال شاب للشيخ ألا تسمع هذا الجواب فقال كنت اسمع هذا الجواب منذ سبعين سنة قال فلأى شيء تتعجب نفسك فبكى الشيخ فقال فالى أى باب التجئ فليل له قد قبلناك. تفسير روح البیان، جز: 10 ص: 176

In a fable it is said that a scholar went for pilgrimage. When the scholar put on his ahram (Two white sheets) and recited “Labaik Allahhuma Labaik”, a voice said no Labaik. The young man asked the scholar did he not hear the answer. The scholar said that he has been listening to this answer for seventy years. The young man said to the scholar that why was he tiring himself? The scholar started to cry and said that show me door other than this door where I could repent? Immediately a voice said that your Labaik is accepted. (Tafseer Ruh-al-Bian, Vol 10, p. 176.)

Ref#7

عن عبد الله بن عمرو يبلغه النبي ﷺ: الراحمون يرحمهم الرحمن، ارحموا اهل الارض يرحكم من في السماء. سنن ابى داود حديث 4941

It is narrated by Abdullah Bin Umar_(RA) that the Prophet said that those who have mercy on others, the Merciful Lord, will have mercy on them. You have mercy on the people of the earth and the Lord of the heavens will have mercy on you. (Abu Dawood, H4941)

Ref#8

عن أبي هريرة قال قال رسول الله ﷺ إذا مضى شطر الليل أو ثلثاه ينزل الله تبارك وتعالى إلى السماء الدنيا فيقول هل من سائل يعطى هل من داع يستجاب له هل من مستغفر يغفر له حتى ينفجر الصبح. صحيح مسلم. كتاب صلاة المسافرين. حديث 1774

It is narrated by Abu Huraira(RA) that the Prophet said that after midnight or two third night, Allah descends to the nearest heaven to the world and calls out “Is there anyone who wants something that I may give it to him. Is there anyone who is supplicating, so that I may accept his supplication? Is there anyone who is repenting so that I may accept his repentance, this goes on till morning. (Muslim, book of prayers, H1774)

Ref#9

عن جرير بن عبد الله قال قال رسول الله ﷺ من لا يرحم الناس لا يرحمه الله عز وجل. صحيح مسلم. كتاب الفضائل. حديث 6030

It is narrated by Jareer Bin Abdullah(RA) that the Prophet said that any man that does not have pity on other humans, Allah will not have pity on him. (Muslim, Book of fazail, H6030)

Ref#10

عن حذيفة ان رجلا اتى به الله عز وجل فقال: ماذا عملت في الدنيا؟ فقال له الرجل: ما علمت من مثقال ذرة من خير ارجوكم بها، فقال لها له ثلاثا وقال في الثالثة: اى رب كنت اعطيتنى فضلا من مال في الدنيا، فكنت اباع الناس وكان من خلقى اتجاوز عنه وكنت ايسر على الموسر، وانظر المعسر. فقال عز وجل نحن اولى بذلك منك تجاوزوا عن عبدى فغفر له. مسند احمد. حديث 17064

Huzaifa(RA) narrates that a man will be brought in front of Allah. He will ask him what good deeds did he do. The man replied that he hasn't done any good deeds which could be helpful to me. He repeated this three times and then said that O Lord in the world You gave me lots of resources. I used to trade with the people, it was my habit to give time to the rich and concessions to the poor. (Musnad Ahmed, H17064)

Ref#11

عن أبي هريرة قال قال النبي ﷺ بينما كلب يطيف بركية كاديقتله العطش اذ رأته بغى من بغايا بنى اسرائيل فنزعت موقها فسقته فغفر لها به. صحيح بخارى. كتاب بد الخلق. حديث 3467

It is narrated by Abu Huraira^(RA) that the Prophet said that a dog was going around a well due to extreme thirst. An Israelite promiscuous woman saw him. She took out her sock and tied it to her covering and lowered it in the well and fed the dog. God forgave her for this act of mercy. (Bukhari, H3467)

Ref#12

عن أبي سعيد الخدري عن النبي ﷺ قال كان في بني إسرائيل رجل قتل تسعة وتسعين انساناً ثم خرج يسأل فأتى راهباً فسأله فقال له هل من توبة قال لا، فقتله فجعل يسأل فقال له رجل أنت قرصة كذا وكذا فأدركه الموت فناءً بصدرة نحوها فأخصمت فيه ملائكة الرحمة وملائكة العذاب فأوحى الى هذه ان تقربي واوحى الله الى هذه ان تباعدى وقال قسيوا ما بينهما فوجد الى هذه اقرب بشير فغفر له. صحيح بخاري، كتاب بد الخلق، حديث 3470

It is narrated by Abu Saeed Khuzri^(RA) that the Prophet said that there was a man in Israelite who had murdered ninety-nine people and went to ask a Rabbi if there was a way for repentance for him? The Rabbi said no. He killed him and completed his hundred. He started asking others if there was a way for his forgiveness. He was told by a Rabbi that he should go to that town where good people live (he departed for that town). On the way he died. At the time of his death, he turned his chest towards the town. A dispute broke out between the angel of mercy and angel of torment, who will take him. Allah ordered the town from where he came to distance itself from him. He then ordered the angels to measure the distance; whichever is nearer that is his destiny. He was nearer to the place of the pious. (Bukhari, H3470)

Ref#13

عن جابر قال قال رسول الله ﷺ ثلاثة من كن فيه نشر الله عليه كنفه وادخله جنته رفق بالضعيف والشفقة على الوالدين والاحسان الى المملوك. جامع الاصول جز 9 حديث 7312

It is narrated by Jabber^(RA) that the Prophet said that whosoever has these three qualities, Allah will take him under the shade of his mercy and enter him in His Paradise. Those who are soft heartedly with the weak,

kind to the parents and who give favors to their subordinates. (jama al-Asol, vol.9, H7312)

Ref#14

عن سعد بن ابى وقاص قال قلت يا رسول الله اى الناس اشد بلاء قال الانبياء ثم الامثل فالامثل
يبدئ العبد على حسب دينه - سنن ابن ماجه، باب الصبر، 4023

It is narrated by Saad Bin Abi Waqas(RA) that I asked the Prophet who are tested the most amongst the people? He replied: the prophets were tested the most, then the most pious, then the less pious etc. People are tested according to their beliefs. (Sunan Ibn-e-Majah, Baba-e-Sabr, No. 4023,)

Ref#15

عن ابى هريرة عن النبى ﷺ قال ان الله مائة رحمة انزل منها رحمة واحدة بين الجن والانس
والبهائم والحوام فيها يتعاطفون وبها يترحمون وبها تعطف الوحش على ولدها واخر الله تسعا و
تسعين رحمة يرحم بها عباده يوم القيامة - صحيح مسلم، باب فى سعة رحمة الله، 7150

Abu Huraira narrates that the Prophet said: verily Allah's blessing has 100 parts. One part was distributed amongst the devils, humans, animals and insects, due to which they have love and mercy for one another. Due to this blessing, even an animal will take care of his offspring. Allah kept the ninety-nine parts to shower mercy on his believing servants on the Day of Judgment. (Sahih Muslim, Bab fi Rehamat Allah, No. 7151,)

Ref#16

عن ابى هريرة قال قال رسول الله ﷺ قاربوا وسددوا فانه ليس احد منكم ينجيه عمله - قالوا ولا
انت يا رسول الله قال: ولا انا - الا ان يتغمدى الله برحمته منه وفضل - سنن ابن ماجه، باب التوقى على
العبل، حديث 4201

Abu Huraira narrates that the Prophet said, keep the middle path and stay straight. Your deeds will not be the source of your salvation. The audience asked, even yours? He replied, not even mine unless He takes me in his blessing. (Sunan Ibn-e-Majah, No. 4201,)

Ref#17

عن مسرة بن معبد ان رجلا اتى النبي ﷺ فقال يا رسول الله انا كنا اهل الجاهلية وعبادة اوثان فكنا نقتل الاولاد وكانت عندى بنت لي فلما اجابت عبادة الاوثان وكانت مسرورة بدعائى اذا دعوتها فدعوتها يوما فاتبعته فمررت حتى اتيت بئرا من اهل غير بعيد، فاخذت بيدها فرديت بها فى البئر، وكان آخر عهدى بها ان تقول يا ابتاه يا ابتاه فبكى رسول الله ﷺ حتى وكف دمع عينيه - سنن دارى حديث 2

Misrah bin maabad narrates that a person came to the Prophet and said, O messenger of Allah, in the days of ignorance we used to worship idols and kill our female children. I had a daughter, whenever I called her, she would be very pleased. One day I called her, and she started following me. When I passed by a dry well, I got hold of my daughter and threw her in the well. The last words she uttered were O daddy, O daddy...! After hearing this the Prophet started to cry. (Sunan Aldari No.2.)

Ref#18

عن عبد الله بن بريدة عن ابيه قال خرج الينا رسول الله ﷺ يوما فنأدى ثلاث مرار فقال ايها الناس تدرون ما مثلى ومثلكم؟ قالوا الله ورسوله اعلم - قال انما مثلى ومثلكم مثل قوم خافوا عدوا ياتيهم فبعثوا رجلا تبراءى لهم فبينما هم كذلك ابصر العدو فاقبل لينذرهم، وخشى ان يدركه العدو قبل ينذر قومه فاهوى بثوبه ايها الناس اتيتم ايها اتيتم ثلاث مرار - مسند احمد 22948

Abdullah bin Bridah narrates that one day the Prophet came to us. He called out three times, O people do you know what is my, and your example? People said, Allah and His Messenger know best. Mine and your example is like a nation who were anticipating an attack by the enemy. They sent one person to investigate. He saw the enemy, he turned to warn his people. He was afraid that they would catch up with them before he could warn them. He took off his clothes and started waving and shouting, "You are about to be attacked, you are about to be attacked." (Musnad Ahmed, H22948)

Ref#19

قال رسول الله ﷺ مثلى كمثلى رجل استوقد نارا فلما اضاءت ما حولها جعل الفراش وهذه الدواب التى يعقن فى النار يقعن فيها وجعل يحجزهن ويغلبنه فيتقحمن فيها قال فذلکم مثلى و

مثلكم انا آخذ بحجزكم عن النار هلم عن النار هلم النار فتغلبوني تقهقون فيها. مسند احمد

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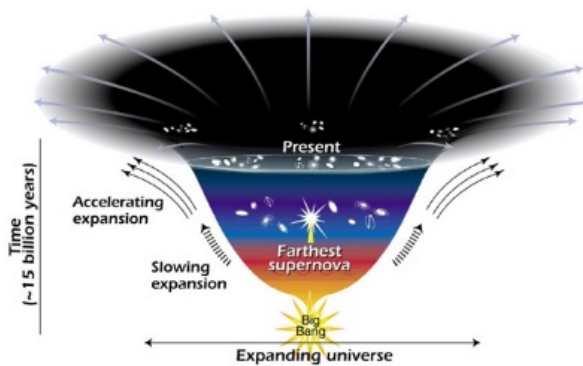
The Prophet said, his example is like the example of a man who started a fire, when it lightened the moth and insects started falling in the fire. He tried to stop them from falling into the fire but was overpowered. Similarly, I am trying my utmost to save you from fire, you keep moving towards it and I am overpowered, and you fall in the pit. (Musnad Ahmed, H8117)

Ref#20

عن سعد بن ابى وقاص قال قلت يا رسول الله اى الناس اشد بلاء قال الانبياء ثم الامثل فالامثل
يبتلى العبد على حسب دينه. سنن ابن ماجه, باب الصبر, 4023

Saad bin Abi Waqas says, “I asked the messenger of Allah, who are the people who were tested the most? He replied, the prophets are tested the most and then step by step according to the strength of their beliefs. A man is tested according to strength of his belief. (Sunan Ibn-e-Majah No. 4201.)

REF#21



Universe Dark Energy-1 Expanding Universe

The diagram reveals the changes in the rate of expansion since the universe's birth 15 billion years ago. The shallower the curve, the faster the rate of expansion. The curve changed noticeably about 7.5 billion years ago, when objects in the universe began flying apart at a faster rate. Astronomers theorize that the faster expansion rate is due to a mysterious, dark force that is pulling galaxies apart. NASA/STSci/Ann Field

More is unknown than is known. We know how much dark energy there is because we know how it affects the universe's expansion. Other than that, it is a complete mystery. But it is an important mystery. It turns out that **roughly 68%** of the universe is **dark energy**. **Dark matter** makes up **about 27%**. The rest of everything on earth, everything ever observed with all our instruments, all normal matters, adds up to **less than 5%** of the universe. Come to think of it, maybe it shouldn't be called normal matter at all, since it is such a small fraction.

We are much more certain what dark matter is not than we what it is. First, it is dark, meaning that it is not in the form of stars and planets that we see. Observation shows there are far too little visible matters in the universe to make up the 27% required by the observation. Second, it is not in the form of dark clouds of normal matter, matter made up of particles called baryons. We know this because we could be able to detect baryonic clouds by their absorption of radiation passing through them. Third, dark matter is not antimatter, because we do not see the unique gamma rays that are produced when antimatter annihilates the matter. Finally, we rule out large galaxy-sized black holes based on how many gravitational lenses we see. High concentration of matter bends light passing near them from object further away, but we do not see enough lensing events to suggest that such objects make up the required 25% dark matter contribution.

Request For Supplication

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