



أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ؟

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ!

Is there a deity with Allah? The answer is a resounding no. There is no one worthy of worship except Allah.

There is nothing more clear than the Qura'an. The ayaat are more than crystal clear, so clear, مبصرة, that it is as if they have eyes. The problem lies with the people. They don't believe, they don't know, don't reflect, don't remember, aren't grateful. If you are attaching to

someone rather than Allah, bring your evidence. Do you have even 01% that the evidence for your shirk is the truth?

The majority of the people around the world are mushrikeen; either they don't have the knowledge, or they know and are too stubborn to accept the truth. Allah will bring His signs to everyone, wherever they may be, even in the jungle. It is upon you whether you open your heart and accept the truth, or switch off your heart and reject it. The decision is yours alone. You cannot blame anyone but yourself for your evil doing, not even the shaitan.

The nation of Firawn deactivated their brains, and let Firawn choose the way for them; they all drowned. The Thamud also let the nine men who decided upon their food and drink, decide their faith too; they were all destroyed. The nation of Lut عليه السلام followed the example of each other, indulging in open immorality, which spread like a disease in the whole town; they faced the most severe punishment. The choice of belief and disbelief is your own decision.

An advanced civilization is the one which chooses لا إله إلا الله. So we have the examples of Sulayman عليه السلام, the ants, Balqis. The first thing we are told about the story of Sulayman عليه السلام is that he praised Allah by saying الحمد لله. He attributed all the blessings he had to Allah.

When someone has knowledge, wisdom and authority, this carries importance. The hudhud focused on one part of the knowledge and ability of Allah, that He takes out the mysteries of the heavens and the earth. Sulayman عليه السلام made very precise da'awah, with these three strengths. The disbelievers cannot take too much da'awah, it must be short and structured.

When the throne of Balqis came to Sulayman عليه السلام, he realized it was a test of his gratitude. You won't be advanced unless you remember Allah. Allah is the Most Rich, and the Most Generous. He doesn't need us, but He is still so generous to us. Allah can do everything by Himself, but He sets means for everything; this is His generosity, that He assigns someone to do a job.

When Allah spoke to Musa عليه السلام, and he ran out of fear, Allah told him not to be afraid. An advanced civilization must have the courage to believe and develop and upgrade itself. As long as you are alive, you are given billions of chances to be upgraded. With knowledge and faith, this becomes easy. After the upgrade, you don't want to slide down, so the way to maintain it is by praising Allah, saying الحمد لله; Allah will further elevate you if you are grateful.

**Say, [O Muhammad], "Praise be to Allah, and peace upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is Allah better or what they associate with Him?"**

قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَىٰ ؕ اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

يُشْرِكُونَ

After talking about the corrupt and destroyed nations, Allah commands His Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم to say الحمد لله; we also say الحمد لله. There are slaves who are chosen by Allah, and when they reach success, they praise Allah. We make du'a for these slaves of Allah, who devote themselves to Him, by sending salam to them.

From among billions and billions of people, Allah chose His messengers, the believers, the ones who worship Him and pray to Him. Did you ask for this? Did you choose to be a Muslim? It is as if you have been picked from a huge crowd of people; this is the wisdom of Allah, He chose those whom He knew would accept. This is a big favour of Allah, so you must always thank Him.

وسلام على عباده الذين اصطفى

كلما كان العبد اكثر عبودية كلما اصطفاه الله  
حمد الله و دعاء الذين اصطفاهم الله

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Worship is not restricted to place and condition; it is very vast. You can eat and drink as a worship, obeying Allah, because He said *كلوا واشربوا*. Some acts of worship must be done in a pattern, such as salah, and some are open.

The Messenger of Allah *صلى الله عليه وسلم* was the best human being, and he was commanded to praise Allah, and make du'a for those whom Allah chose. Salam is a du'a for peace, ease in matters of dunya and akhirah, freedom from hardships in life, in the grave, on the Day of Judgement. The messengers went through so much hardship, but it was salam. You can be sitting in the middle of a fire, and be in peace, the fire cool for you. People looking at you will see so much hardship, but you have the support of Allah, and so many glad tidings. Be among the slaves of Allah, and you will be in peace. If you are a worshipper, you get the privilege of the du'a of the Messenger of Allah *صلى الله عليه وسلم*, and peace. The more you are a slave of Allah, the more Allah chooses you for peace. Think of a waiting list, everyone wants to be chosen. You will not know that you are chosen, so you go on worshipping Allah until you die.

There are so many hidden hudhuds in the world. The good and pious people are a safeguard and protection for the society. If one member of the family is worshipping Allah, while the others are all oblivious, Allah will save all the members of the household. The good people attract angels, so appreciate them by making du'a for them. They bring salam, so send salam to them.

Allah presents a question to His Messenger *صلى الله عليه وسلم* and all of us. Is Allah better for the false idols? Allah is teaching us tawheed, with a different approach. No one is more powerful than Allah, and look how gently He addresses His slaves.

ءالله خير عما يشركون

Allah is *خير* in all His names and attributes. Allah puts Himself in comparison, even though there can be no comparison. Look at your idols, whatever they are, stone, money, people, your desires, possessions....anything in your life which is your focus and goal. Are they better than Allah? What is the answer?

Allah is better than anyone or anything. Don't be a person who is showered with blessings from Allah, and you send your evil back to Him. There is no split second or less in your life when you are not showered with blessings from Allah. All that Allah decides for you is good. Your eyes may see a negative situation, but it is *خير*. So Allah is also worthy of all the *خير* from you.

إِلَيْهِ يَصْعَدُ الْكَلِمُ الطَّيِّبُ  
وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ يَرْفَعُهُ

To Him ascends good  
speech, and  
righteous work raises  
it  
سورة فاطر  
35:10

Think of an elevator, it needs the power of electricity and a system of machinery to take it up. The good deeds are like an elevator, but the power for them to rise up comes from the actions of your heart; the sincerity, following the Sunnah, the love, hope and fear; these will elevate you.

The decree may be bad, but there is goodness in it for you. No one likes sickness and pain and hardship, but we must believe that there is goodness in it. Don't believe your eyes, believe in Allah, and don't be afraid →  
{لا تخف}.

All the things which you devote yourself to besides Allah are not *خير*. The sun will not appreciate a sun worshipper. A pious man whose grave is worshipped will reject his followers on the Day of Judgement; he didn't ask to be worshipped. All this is a waste of time and energy. If you love Allah in your heart, He knows about it, and appreciates it, and will make you closer to Him. If you walk to Allah, He will run to you! You are His slave, He is your Master, yet look at His mercy and gentleness. Can anyone be like Allah?

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم

said :

يَقُولُ اللهُ تَعَالَى أَنَا عِنْدَ ظَنِّ عَبْدِي بِي، وَأَنَا مَعَهُ إِذَا ذَكَرَنِي، فَإِنْ ذَكَرَنِي فِي نَفْسِهِ ذَكَرْتُهُ فِي نَفْسِي، وَإِنْ ذَكَرَنِي فِي مَاءٍ ذَكَرْتُهُ فِي مَاءٍ خَيْرٍ مِنْهُمْ، وَإِنْ تَقَرَّبَ إِلَيَّ بِشِبْرِ تَقَرَّبْتُ إِلَيْهِ ذِرَاعًا، وَإِنْ تَقَرَّبَ إِلَيَّ ذِرَاعًا تَقَرَّبْتُ إِلَيْهِ بَاعًا، وَإِنْ أَتَانِي يَمْشِي أَتَيْتُهُ هَرْوَلَةً

Allah says: 'I am just as My slave thinks I am, (i.e. I am able to do for him what he thinks I can do for him) and I am with him if He remembers Me. If he remembers Me in himself, I too, remember him in Myself; and if he remembers Me in a group of people, I remember him in a group that is better than they; and if he comes one span nearer to Me, I go one cubit nearer to him; and if he comes one cubit nearer to Me, I go a distance of two outstretched arms nearer to him; and if he comes to Me walking, I go to him running.

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- Placing a barrier between seas
- Responds to the desperate
- Removes the evil
- Made humans the inheritors on earth
- Guides the people
- Sends a breeze as a harbinger of rain
- Initiated the creation and will resurrect them

The actions of Allah depend on the action of your heart. You must take the first step, albeit in your heart. If you don't taste the sweetness and pleasure of knowing Allah in life, it is a wasteland. We need Allah all the time in our hearts. He will never leave us.

In the following ayaat, from 60-64, Allah questions us regarding His actions in the universe, so that we may think and reflect.

- The creation of the heavens and the earth
- Sending the rain from the sky
- Makes plants grow
- Made the earth a place to settle
- Springs and rivers
- Mountains to keep the earth steady

خلق السماوات و الارض

انزل لكم من السماء ماء

فانبتنا به حدائق ذا بهجة

جعل الارض قرارا

وجعل خلالها انهارا

وجعل لها رواسي

وجعل بين البحرين حاجزا

يجيب المضطر

يكشف السوء

يجعلكم خلفاء الارض

يهديكم في ظلمات البر و البحر

يرسل الرياح بشرا

يبدؤ الخلق ثم يعيده

يرزقكم من السماء و

الارض

أَلَيْسَ اللهُ؟

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ!