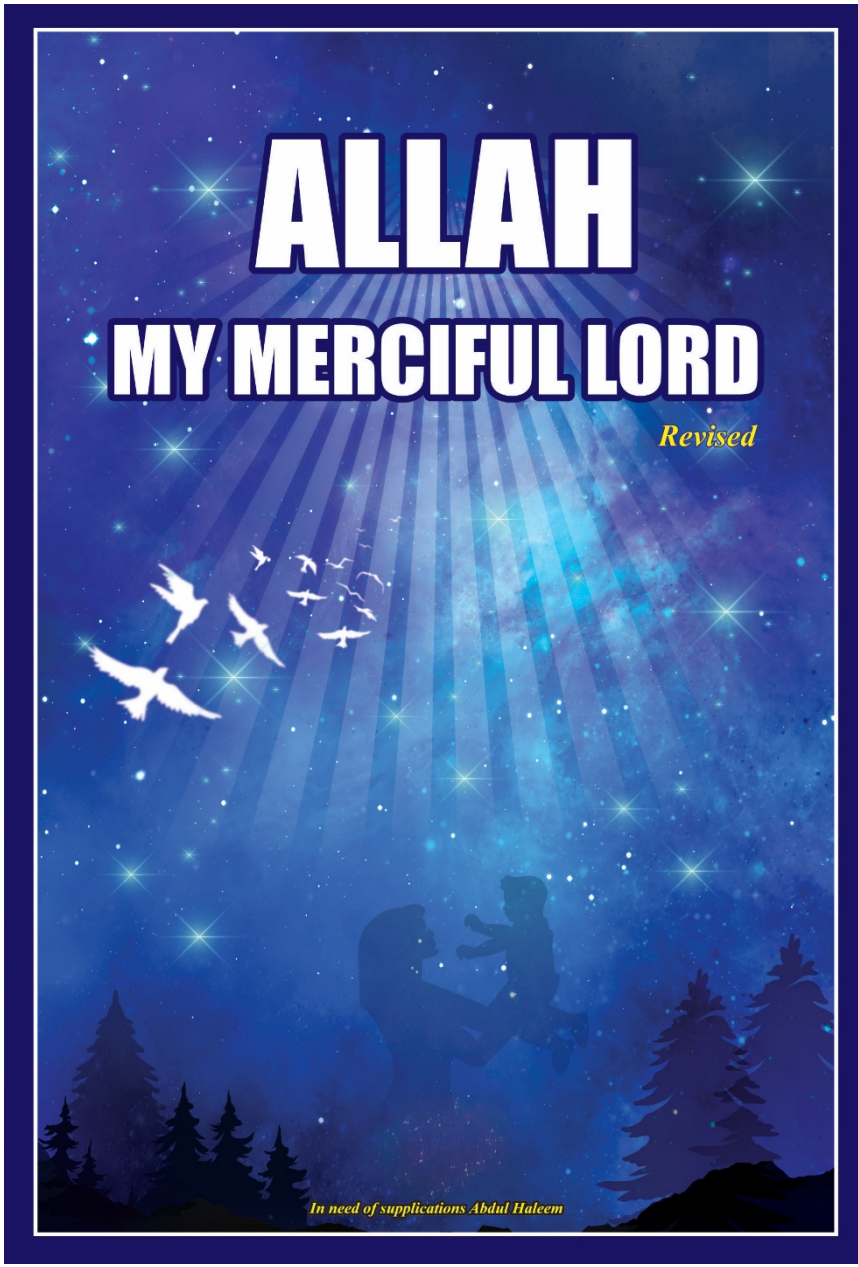
ALLAH
MY MERCIFUL LORD
Revised
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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my parents, especially my mother who taught me to pray and fast at an early age; she also taught me how to recite the Quran in my childhood, and my father, who fed me with his halal earnings and provided me good education overseas, O Merciful Allah, forgive all their sins and make me on going 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(SWT) 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(SWT) in few words. I will also try to highlight some of his attributes so that his love embeds in our hearts. Clarifying the loving attributes of Allah(SWT) is the main subject of my discussion.

Since it is beyond human capacity 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 Muslims for it. Ameen! O Allah, Your mercy encompasses everything and lets us not be the ones who are deprived of it. Ameen!

The question arises how to recognize Him? Allah Almighty says in the Holy Quran that soon We shall show them Our signs around them and within them, they will cry out that this is the truth. Although the Quran is not a book of science but signs. Yet 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(SWT) 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(SWT)'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 to 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
Ashaq 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. 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 Lord)

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(SWT), who is the King of all those who claim sovereignty. Only He has the right to legislate for his creation. He gives life and He is the One who causes death, while He Himself is Ever Living, the Self Subsisting, the Eternal and the only Absolute Entity. All praise is due to Allah Almighty, who has power over everything and there is no power that it can 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(SWT) 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 Being who has the divine powers to create beings. He is The Beneficent and The Most Merciful, Who has abundance of mercy for the believers and non-believers in this world, and for the believers in the Hereafter.

He is the Absolute Sovereign with Absolute Dominion and He is pure from all imperfections. He is the source of Peace. He is the Guardian and the Protector of 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 He wills and 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 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.

The Quran says: "He(SWT) is the Ever Living Who runs the affairs of the universes and neither sleep nor slumber befalls Him and owns everything in the heavens and the earth. No one dares to intercede in front of Him without His permission and knows what happens to them before them and behind them. People cannot encompass anything of His knowledge except what he reveals. His throne extends over the heavens and the earth and feels no fatigue in guarding them and is The Highest and The Most Supreme **(2:255)**". He is Allah the One and Only. Allah is independent of all, and all are dependent on Him. Neither has an offspring, nor is He the offspring of anyone; and no one equals Him in anything **(112:1-4)**.

Nothing can be compared to Him, our definitions do not encompass Him, the reasons cannot comprehend Him, He is transcendent, 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 Creator, 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? Isn't He worthy of our worship and recognition?

The purpose of life is to recognize and acknowledge the 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 with 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 final revelation 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(SWT) to show fault in His creation. Further Allah(SWT) 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(SWT) while standing or sitting or lying on their sides and give thought to the creation of the heavens and the earth, (they cry out spontaneously) O our Lord, You did not create this in vain **(3:191)**.

As time is of no essence for Allah(SWT). In my opinion what Allah(SWT) 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 above verses I will discuss signs in the Quran, signs around us and signs within us, to prove without reasonable doubt, that there is a creator, and that creator is Allah(SWT).

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 do 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)**.

Since this explosion is beyond human capacity, we should ask ourselves a few questions. Who designed and created the universe, who maintains and controls it? As this 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! **REF#21.**

The Quran says: "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 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 1st huge incomprehensible universe 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 that 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(SWT) 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 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(SWT) 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: that by the sky 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 the 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 increasingly 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 up to 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.

The Quran says: O company of jinn and men, if you have the power to go beyond the bounds of the heavens and the earth, go beyond them! Yet you will be unable to go beyond them for that requires infinite power. Which of your Lord's powers will you twain – you men and jinn – then deny? (If you venture) a flame of fire and smoke shall be lashed at you, which you shall be unable to withstand. Which of your Lord's powers will you twain – you men and jinn – then deny **(55:33-36)**?

We are still not able to send man in outer space of earth. We still don't have 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 in sending manned expedition to the moon, even though they have space station in the outer layers of the earth. Why? The reason being, they are still not able to protect humans from the strong radiation. Is this fluke? Use your reasoning.

The Quran says: We sent down iron in which there lies great force, and which has many uses for mankind **(57:25)**. This verse implies 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 Metroid 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.

Allah in the Quran says: 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)**. This measure in rain has again been discovered by modern science. It is estimated that more than sixteen million tons of water evaporates from oceans and earth in one second, i.e., five hundred and thirteen trillion tons of water per annum, and this is the amount of rain that falls on earth yearly. This is the measured rain cycle as mentioned in the above verse and returning cycle of rain mentioned in Surah Tariq Allah says. By the returning skies that send down rain **(86:11)**. The quantity of rain has been recently calculated by the scientists. Ponder into the signs, open your heart to the truth. Can all these signs be flukes?

The Quran says: He**(SWT)** has let loose the two seas converging together, with a barrier between them; they do not break through **(55:19-20)**. This property of the sea was recently discovered by oceanography. According to them different density water with their different surface tensions, stops the seas from mingling. Can this be a fluke? Think!

Allah in the Quran says: 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?

Allah in the Quran says: We made every living thing from water. Will they not then believe **(21:30)**? Again, science has recently learnt that all living things are made from water as its 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(SWT) says: Pharaoh when he was drowning and pleaded that he believed. Allah(SWT) 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 recovered from the Red Sea in 1898 at a place called Jabalian. The body is approx. 3000 years old, and it has been preserved without any mummification and removal of its organs, and it is more persevering than the mummified bodies. The whole Pharaoh's army drowned and only Pharaoh's body was recovered from the sea, because Allah promised only to save the body of Pharaoh. Because of this verse of the Quran, one of the archeologists who recovered the body reverted to Islam.

The Quran says: "Had there been other deities than Allah in the heavens and the earth, both (the heaven and the

earth) would have gone out of order. So, Allah, Lord of the Throne is free from the false things they ascribe to Him. He is accountable to none, what He does, but all are accountable to 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).

In another place in the Quran Allah(SWT) says: 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 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 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 is still with its system.

My actual topic of discussion is Allah the Merciful, that is why I have only discussed 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 the birds are the (tafseer) explanation of the 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? There are many 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.

A female shorebird was recently found to have flown 7,145 miles (11,500 kilometers) nonstop from Alaska to New Zealand—without taking a break for food or drink. It's the longest nonstop bird migration ever measured, according to biologists who tracked the flight using satellite tags.

Another example is that of **Bar Headed Geese**. It takes off from Siberia, goes straight up above 33000 feet and hits the jet stream current to deliver them where they want to go. The jet stream current circles the globe and the temperature in the jet stream could go as low as -56 degree Celsius with only 10% oxygen of sea level. When mountaineers climb high altitude mountains (more than 12000 ft.), they must have

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 1,500km [930 miles] - relatively easily." "They don't train or acclimatize," he said. "They could walk on the top of Everest and have no problem 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.

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.

Ruppell'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.

Another example is **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 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(SWT) 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(SWT) 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 must 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 can pick it up. Why walk 120 KM further into colder region? This is not accident; this is design of Allah(SWT). 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 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 will carry a single passenger. It will be first time it happens. 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 sun light cannot reach such depths. 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

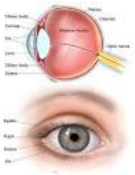
First let's look at how the human reproduction system works. A microscopic unicellular cell with armor to penetrate egg skin in the oval, when ejected, knows the direction it must follow. It carries 50% DNA information with it (detailed information of shape, size, color and other features of the body and organs). The cell and ovary unite to form a clot of blood, and then from clot it

turns to 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 baby starts receiving food from the two streams of milk that erupts 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(SWT).

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. Brain has the capacity of 2.5 million GB for 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

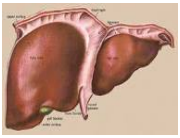


Human eyes are 1" across and weigh 56gm. In digital terms, eye is 576 megapixels. A good camera is 15 megapixels. Human eye can distinguish between 10 million colors. Our eyeballs remain the same size from birth. Eyelashes keep dirt out of our eyes and eyebrows prevent sweat dripping into our eyes. An 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 an 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 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 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 l iters of blood per minute. It is also called the factory of the body. It would require cities of chemical plants to produce different chemicals which a cell of 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.

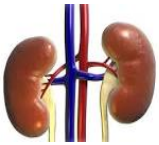
Lungs

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. Total length of air passage in the lungs is 2400 km, with 600 million alveoli.

Could this whole structure have 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 we have been created by Allah.

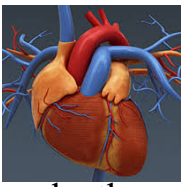
Kidneys

Humans have two kidneys 4.5" long and weigh 4-6 ounces, protected by rib cage. The blood flow in the kidney is higher than 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. 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. Heart does the most physical work in the body. It does not stop, even when we sneeze. Heart does not make the pumping sound; it is the valves that make them.



Heart is the size of an average fist, and pumps 1.5 gallons of blood every minute. It pumps blood to 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 average life span. Women have 50% more blood during pregnancy. Blood circulates our body in less than 30 seconds. Big mechanical pumps with external food source do not last long (cannot pump through minutely thin veins having such a huge length) and must be replaced regularly, but the one which is 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 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, the 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 are 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 Mohammed**(SAW)** and seriously injured him. He**(SAW)** prayed to Allah**(SWT)**, and Allah**(SWT)** 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 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 cannot create a robot as sophisticated as human beings. With all the technologies we have, we cannot 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 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 cannot create a filtration system close to a kidney, which can pump and filter 180-liters of blood daily without rest for entire life span. Do you still think we come 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.

Another challenge Allah gives to men of thinking in Surah Mulk, verses (67:3-4), He says that if you ponder in the universe, you will not find any fault in it. Is this by chance!!! Anyway, most scientists agree there must be a power that created the universe from nothingness.

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.

When a child is growing up, he knows his parents and respects them, because they nurtured him, they guided him; they helped him to school and in all his 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(SWT), we should read the Quran with understanding. The scripture of Allah(SWT) the Quran, is the closest we will ever get to Allah(SWT) in this world. We should develop love for the scripture of Allah(SWT). It came to us as a spoken word, not a written word. The Prophet(SAW) heard it from Gabriel(AS), and the companions heard it from the blessed lips of Mohammed (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(SAW) said in Surah

Anfal that verily when Allah(SWT) is mentioned, the heart of a believer shivers with fear, majesty and awe of Allah(SWT), and when the verses of Allah(SWT) 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(SWT) 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(SWT), from outside and inside, we have no alternative but to recognize the creator Allah(SWT). 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 understand their Lord are obedient to their Lord. 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 Mohammed(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 to the laws of that creator.

c) To give praise and to show gratitude and to worship that creator, Allah.

d) To acquire the colors and attributes of Allah(SWT).

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 conform to the Laws of that creator. Consequently, we will consider the creator worthy of our praise, gratitude and worship. My topic of discussion is the fourth purpose, which is acquiring the colors and attributes of the creator, Allah(SWT). I will elaborate on this aspect of the purpose of life, i.e. conforming to the attributes of Allah(SWT).

According to a hadith in Tafseer Razi **(Ref#4),** in which it is mentioned that Prophet(SAW) 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 the YouTube. I was inspired by this lecture and lectures of other good scholars. May Allah bestow His mercy; His blessings and His rewards on all of them? Ameen

Allah(SWT) created man with reason and intelligence and sent him to the testing ground of this world with freedom of choice. During his sojourn 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 Lord, besides Allah" **(9:31)**. I.e., commit polytheism.

Allah**(SWT)** in the Quran says that He has revealed signs, lessons and admonishing to make things clear for us, so that perhaps 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**(SWT)** 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 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. Clearly the freedom of choice is with us.

The Quran clearly states that we will be tested. That is, we will suffer in this worldly life, because it plays a major role in the growth and development of our faith. We must struggle in the path of Allah, to achieve the purpose of this life. Prosperity and calamities are the means of trials. This worldly environment has been made to be an environment of adversity and suffering, to build in us the qualities and the attributes of Allah(SWT). 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. This is not uphill climb, we must be sensitive to their needs, and this is what Islam is.

This world is the center stage for building our personality. We will carry this personality to the Hereafter. We are here to develop relationship with Allah(SWT) and come closer to Him. Suppose if someone wanted to get closer to someone, then that person would have to adapt himself to that person's likes and attributes.

Similarly, if we want to come closer to Allah(SWT) then we must develop commonalities between Him and us. 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(SWT) 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, give glad tidings to those who show patience in adversary and suffering, and say, "to Allah we belong and to Him is our return" (2:156).

Just like pork is forbidden from halal category of cattle, similarly from the attributes of Allah(SWT), 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(SWT) 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. "We give those that bear calamities patiently, their rewards are limitless" **()**. Allah is saying that those people who show patience, when calamity befalls them, their reward will be limitless and that they will go to the Paradise without accounting. Subhan-Allah!

"For the sake of Allah, they give from their provisions to the destitute, orphans and those imprisoned" **(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**(SWT)**. 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 us. 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 belies 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 friend of the believers **(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**(SWT)** 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 feast 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.

Abu Bakr Siddiq(RA) had placed an allowance for his relative Mistah, which he used to give him regularly. Mistah was in the forefront with Abullah bin Abi in slandering Hazrat Ayisha(RA), the daughter of Abu Bakr Siddiq(RA), 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: 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).

The verse was telling him not to sever relations, and not to hold back the allowance. Abu Bakr Siddiq(RA) retracted from his promise, [aid the fine for retracting 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 relations with their relatives and friends and are merciful.

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

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 supplication was 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(SAW) 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 Prophet(SAW) 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 Prophet(SAW) 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(SWT) 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(SWT), he earned Paradise by forgiving and relinquishing his claim.

Abu Huraira(RA) narrates that Prophet(SAW) said that Allah(SWT) 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 them with her covering and lowered the socks and brought up water for the dog and gave it to him to drink. Allah(SWT) forgave

her for this merciful act on an animal **(Bukhari, Biaa-al-Ikhlak, No.3467, Ref#11)**. What weight will it have, if it was a human?

Prophet**(SAW)** said that Allah will help a slave (of His) so long as he (that person) helps his brother. Again, if you are compassionate, merciful, generous etc., Allah will be there to help you.

Prophet**(SAW)** said anyone with 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) Kindness towards slaves and subordinates.

Again compassion, mercy and generosity etc., are one of the means by which one can enter Paradise.

In Makkah when Prophet**(SAW)** walked the street, an old woman would throw dirt on him. One day while walking the street, dirt was not thrown on him. Prophet**(SAW)** enquired about her, he was told that she was sick. Prophet**(SAW)** 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 Prophet**(SAW)** said to his companion that the next person that entered the mosque is destined for Paradise. The person that entered was Saad**(RA)**. Next day he**(SAW)** again said that the next person to enter the mosque is destined for Paradise. The person that entered was again Saad**(RA)**. Third day again he**(SAW)** said that the next person to enter the mosque is destined for Paradise. This time also, the person that entered 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 three days

with him and noted that he does what rest of them do. He then told Saad(RA) what the Prophet(SAW) 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 he forgave everyone who transgressed his rights". He is going to Paradise because he has acquired the attribute of forgiving. Allah loves forgiving and loves those who forgive.

A sahabi went to Hims (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 comes back to the Sahabi's shop.

The sahabi asked him, "Did he not find what he was looking for"? He said he found exactly what he was looking for but there is something else he wants. Sahabi asked what else he wanted. He said that he wants this Imaan, this belief that he has. The sahabi said, do not hasten, take your time with belief. The man replied no, he wanted this belief, because if this is the character of mere companion of Prophet(SAW), then what would be the character of Mohammed(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 Prophet(SAW). Prophet(SAW) 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(SAW) said something profound! He

said, “O Abu Dharr, I Mohammed am equally the son of a black woman, as I am a son of white woman!” (Prophet(SAW) 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 Prophet(SAW) 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. Prophet(SAW) said even if he prays and fasts. Allah(SWT) 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 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, the stronger his trust in Allah grew.

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) who was unconscious for a while, said in a faint voice that 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 Muslims after the demise of the Khulafa-e-Rashideen. 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(SWT), 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 his days earnings 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.

The Khalifa saw a dream that he was in paradise and saw 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 tests

The Purpose of test in this life is to enable us to acquire the attributes of Allah(SWT). 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, when a mother will not allow her child to jump out of the upper floor window. A mother forces 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. A mother 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(SWT) 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 the 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 Prophet(SAW) who were tested the most? He(SAW) 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(SWT) 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! Prophet(SAW) was told by Allah(SWT) in the 4th or 5th year of his preaching, to stick to what he(SAW) has been ordered and that very soon he will receive His unparalleled love.

The Prophet(SAW) 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. 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 Mosque-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 Prophet Mohammed(SAW). He(SAW) 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(SAW) best reflected the attributes of Allah(SWT) 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 he spared him. Ali(RA) said that he was going to kill him for the sake of Allah(SWT) 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. Prophet(SAW) 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 Prophet(SAW) if he purchased that tree, would he get a tree in the Paradise. Prophet(SAW) 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 Prophet(SAW) that he had bought that date tree. By then Allah(SWT) had revealed to Prophet(SAW) the bargain Abu Dahda had made. 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 trees in the 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 did you bring this boy to the court house. 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 diyat (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 courthouse and said, “will someone help me this day”?

Everybody turned their faces down; no one was ready to risk their neck for this boy. Because if the boy doesn’t

come, they'll be executed instead. Then from back of the courthouse, Abu Zarr Ghaffari(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 courthouse 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 becomes 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 snatched 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(SWT), 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(SAW) 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 Prophet(SAW) was about to migrate to Madinah, this was when the final negotiation with the people of Ansar took place. Seventy-three of the Ansars came to finalize the negotiations. The Prophet(SAW) came with his uncle Abbas, who was not a Muslim at the time. The Prophet's uncle Abbas started the negotiations and said that this is his nephew Muhammed(SAW), he is in Makkah with them, the Bani Hashim and they will look after him if he is with them. Now will you, the people of Madinah look after him in the same manner?

The Ansar's turned to the Prophet(SAW) and asked him(SAW) to tell them what he desires from them? The Prophet(SAW) 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(SAW) whether they like it or dislike it, that 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 Ansar's asked, O Prophet of Allah, if they fulfill the conditions then what will they get in return. Prophet(SAW) said "Paradise". Kaab Ibn Malik(RA) who was sitting there said "what a bargain". Prophet(SAW) was asking them to give their lives, give their wealth, listen to him if they like it or dislike it, if the entire humanity turns against them, they will remain firm.

Although they could not see, feel, touch the Paradise but to them Allah was real, Paradise was real, they believed in them. They had trust in Allah. This happened because the attributes of Allah were embedded in them. They used to fight one another; but Islam bonded them in brotherhood.

A Persian Sahabi 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 that they have another 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(SWT) had revealed to the Prophet(SAW) via the Quran about the bargain Suhaib had made. Prophet(SAW) was sitting with his companions, when Suhaib(RA) entered the room. The Prophet(SAW) said "rabihal baye", what a bargain O Suhaib. This was the trust and love of Allah and his messenger. Worldly gains and losses did not matter.

Allah(SWT) 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 implies is that one will sacrifice their wealth and their lives for Allah. The group of people that really understood were the companions of the Prophet(SAW). For them Allah was real, and the 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(SWT) and His love is embedded in our Hearts.

Ovais Al-Qarni was not a sahabi but a tabaee. He never met the Prophet(SAW). 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 supplication for you, because he is righteous to his mother. His status was revealed to the Prophet(SAW) by Gabriel(AS). 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(SAW). 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 Prophet(SAW), and when he got there, the Prophet(SAW) was away on an expedition and was not in Madinah. He had two options; either to stay longer, meet the Prophet(SAW) and become his companion, or obey his mother. He opted for the second option to obey and please his mother, which is must 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(SWT). 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(SWT) on the Day of Judgment and will be the dwellers of Paradise.

Conclusion on purpose of life

Allah says: "O humans; 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 Allah, 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(SWT). 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 we need to reflect the attributes of Allah(SWT) in

us. 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, who can reflect in themselves the attributes of Allah(SWT), who can change the landscape of the current times.

The Muslims are supposed to be caring; we have started hating. The Muslims were supposed to be compassionate we have become wicked. The Muslims were supposed to be merciful we have become tyrants. The Muslim were supposed to be generous we have become misers. The Muslims were supposed to treat everyone equal; today we have engrossed and divided ourselves in nations, racial entities, baradaries (cults), different religious sects etc. We don't need America 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 relationship and then Allah withheld His help? Did this Ummah build its character on compassion, mercy and forgiveness and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah prayed their prayers like it should be 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? Has the Ummah cared for the humanity and then Allah withheld His help? Has this Ummah the concerns which the Prophet(SAW) had, or do we have this perception that somehow Allah is obliged to help us, (we seek Allah's forgiveness) as if we are gods 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 listen to our supplications. We believe in Allah and still do not fulfill His rights and then expect our supplications to be accepted. We read the book of Allah without understanding and without following it and then expect our supplications to be accepted. We claim to love our Prophet(SAW) and don't follow his Sunnah and then expect our supplication to be accepted. We believe that Satan is our enemy and yet practically we follow his way and then expect our supplication to be accepted.

We say we want Paradise and still we don't work for it and then expect our supplication to be accepted. We say we are fearful of Hellfire and yet do not distance ourselves from it and then expect our supplication to be accepted. We say that death is true and yet we are not prepared for it and then expect our supplication to be accepted. We back bite others, and forget our own faults, and then expect our supplication to be accepted.

We enjoy the blessings of Allah and are not grateful to Him and then expect our supplication to be accepted. We bury our dead, and the fear of Hereafter does not bother us, and still expect our supplication to be accepted. O Muslims, turn to Allah, mend your ways, and Allah will make your state the ruling state of the world.

O Muslims, revolution does not come with words, but with action. Similarly, God's help and support only 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(SWT). 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 for our religion? No. Do our lives reflect the character of Prophet(SAW) (who reflected the highest degree of attributes of Allah(SWT) in humans)? No. Do we turn people towards Islam, or do we turn people away from it? We turn people away from Islam. We as an Ummah are negatively charged and yet expect Allah to help us.

O Muslims, we must start the revolution from within ourselves, and once we embody Allah's attributes, it will make us the people of goodness. When people will see that we are people of good they will come closer to us, just like Allah's attributes have make us move closer to Him. When we reflect His attributes in our character we become the best of people for the people, not from the people but 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 Prophet(SAW), 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 of the angels are 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 Prophet(SAW) 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 of ours on the Day of Judgment. Attribute of forgiveness is necessary to be forgiven. O Muslims, 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 anyone. Settle 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(SWT), i.e., if we haven't prayed our Isha prayer, then we cannot go to sleep.

3) Never go to sleep unless and until we have taken a moment to sit down intimately one on one with Allah

and repented to Allah and turned back to Allah and asked for His forgiveness, for the sins one has committed.

4) We should at least on the basic level make sure that all our major arrangements have been made just in case we do not wake up in the morning. I.e., remembering death, death is a reality which everyone will face.

بِسۡمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحۡمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

Allah's unparalleled love for his servants

I would again urge my reader to read the rest of the book in seclusion. So that the love of Allah is embedded in the heart through flowing tears. Allah in the Quran says: Say "O my servant who have transgressed against themselves (by sinning). Do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He Who is the All-forgiving and the All-Merciful." We should turn in repentance to our Lord and submit to Him before punishment comes upon us, then we will not be helped. We should follow the best of that has been revealed to us from our Lord before the punishment suddenly comes upon us, from where we did not perceive.

Lest a soul should say, "Oh my regret over what I neglected in regards to Allah and that I was among the mockers," or (lest) it says, "If only Allah had guided me, I would have been amongst the righteous," or (lest) it says when it sees the punishment, "If only I had another chance so that I could be among the doers of the good."

Allah will respond, but yes, there had come to you My verses, but you denied them and were arrogant, and you

were among the disbelievers. You will see that on the Day of Resurrection the faces of those who have invented falsehood against Allah(SWT) will be blackened. Is not Hell a residence for the arrogant?

Allah(SWT) will save those who feared him by their attainment; no evil will touch them, nor will they grieve. Allah is the creator of all things, and He is, over all things and He is the disposer of all affairs. To Him belong the keys of heaven and the earth. And they who disbelieved in the verses of Allah, it is those who are 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(SWT) 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(SAW) said that Allah forgives his slave due to his heart felt remorse even without repenting.

In this world it is easy to please Allah(SWT) and will be 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**(SWT)** 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 Prophet**(SAW)** and asked him, who is going to take us into account on the Day of Judgment. Prophet(SAW) said that Allah will take us to account. The Bedouin again enquired, is Allah going to take us to account. The Prophet**(SAW)** said yes. The Bedouin started to smile. The 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, Prophet**(SAW)** came to us while we were laughing. He said, you are laughing and Hellfire is

near you. He told us not to laugh, and when he left it was as if vultures were hovering over us. Then Prophet(SAW) came back to us and said that Gabriel(AS) 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 part amongst His creation. It is due to this that even a horse will take care that his hoof don't hurt his foal. 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) saying 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 ask him about his other sins that were not repented until he acknowledges all his remaining sins. 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 people, 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**(SWT)** says, O' son of Adam, don't be afraid of any power or sovereignty as long as His sovereignty remains, and His sovereignty never ceases. O son of Adam do not

fear tightened sustenance as long as His storehouses are full; and His store houses are never 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 Him for tomorrow's sustenance, just like He hasn't asked us for our 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 Prophet(SAW) and told him that the angels write down all the deeds of your Ummah but they don't write the tears of your Ummah. Prophet(SAW) 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 Prophet(SAW), one tear of your follower wipes outs 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 towards You that You took me out of Hellfire, and that You will not return me to Hellfire. Allah will say you too are forgiven and will also put him in Paradise **(Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 649).** Subhan-Allah! This is our 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 bowing 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".

Prophet 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 Him for forty years, tell him to leave the congregation and He 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 rain would not come down until he left the congregation. And if he leaves the congregation

people will know that he is the disobedient servant 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 raining. Prophet Moses(AS) said, O Allah, nobody left, then why did He 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 His, so that they can 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 him to death. Karoon asked what if you did it? Moses(AS) said the same punishment would apply to him. 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(SWT) told Moses(AS) to get up and ask the woman, why she laid the blame on him. Moses got up and asked her what made her put the blame on him. She said that Karoon bribed her to blame him(AS) 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

till 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 till his neck. Karoon pleaded with remorse, Moses(AS) did not forgive him, and he sunk in the earth with his wealth. Allah(SWT) 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 four mightiest messengers, and he now resides on 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". Prophet(SAW) was walking behind him; he also started reciting "Ya Kareem Ya Kareem". This sahabi thought the fellow behind him is mocking him. He turned and said to the Prophet(SAW) that he was mocking him and that he would complain about the incident to the Prophet(SAW). Prophet(SAW) asked him, "Has he met the Prophet"? He said no, he has not met the Prophet(SAW).

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(SAW) feet, he(SAW) is not a king. At that instance Gabriel(AS) descended, gave

his and Allah's salaam to Prophet(SAW). He then conveyed the message from Allah for the sahabi.

Allah told him to tell the sahabi, that even by calling "Ya Kareem Ya Kareem"; he will still be held accountable. When Prophet(SAW) forwarded the message, the sahabi got aroused and said, if Allah is going to take him to account, then he will take Allah to account.

Prophet(SAW) and the other sahabas felt uneasy with what that sahabi said. Prophet(SAW) asked the sahabi, how will he take Allah to account. He said that if Allah takes account of his sins, then he will take Allah to account for His mercy, forgiveness etc.

Gabreal(AS) descended again and told Prophet(SAW) to tell the sahabi that Allah says that let the sahabi not take Him to account and neither will He take him to account Ref. **(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. This is the net result of love for Allah.

Abu Saeed Khuzri narrates that Prophet(SAW) 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. The 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 man told him that he should go to such and such town where good people live, and that he should stay with them and repent to Allah. Allah will forgive him. He started his journey towards that town,

and on his way he died. When he died angels of heaven and hell came to collect his soul. They started disputing amongst themselves. 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 itself 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 seek Your mercy and forgiveness. 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. On his deathbed, he reflected on his past, and fear of Allah seized him. So fearful of the consequences of his misdeeds, he told his sons to burn his body after his death and scatter half the ashes on land and half at sea, leaving nothing behind. So that, he might not be resurrected for punishment.

He said to his sons, “I am a great sinner, and by Allah, if He gets hold of me, He will punish me most severely, likes of which He will not give to anyone in the heavens and the earth”. When he died, his sons burnt his body and scattered half of the ash in different places on land and half in different places on sea.

Allah ordered the sea and the land to gather all his ashes; all his ash was presented in Allah’s court. He resurrected him and asked him why he wanted this. He was petrified, he said, O my Lord you know how I had spent my life on

earth, and because I was petrified of You, that is why he willed this. Allah forgave him with His mercy **(Ref#2)**. O Allah, we are in the same situation, please forgive us and no one can forgive us except You.

A man reverted to Islam and 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 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.

Without 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 with him to present to Allah to please Him? In his thoughts, he entered a cemetery and sat next to a bush near a grave.

On Remembering his youth, he started crying and supplicated to Allah. “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 taken by surprise; the ruler of then the only super power of the world was offering him meal. He asked the leader of the believers, why he brought food for him. Umar**(RA)** said that 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 make us Your friend. Ameen

There was a companion of 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 lamb and went to tell Prophet(SAW). He was so excited that he exaggerated the animal to such extent that Prophet(SAW) asked him to show him his animal. A while

later he came with sheet wrapped around his shoulder holding something. When he showed the lamb to the Prophet(SAW) it was skinny, and its age was less than a year. Prophet(SAW) got annoyed and told him that Allah is beautiful and accepts beautiful things.

He told him to take it away and that he cannot 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 started to shake. He sent Gabriel(AS) to tell Prophet Mohammed(SAW) to tell the sahabi that the sacrifice of his animal is acceptable and that his reward is greater than the reward of all the people in Madinah put together. The sahabi asked, is this relaxation in law for everyone, or is it specific to him. Prophet(SAW) said no it is only for him **(ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 226).** Oh Allah!!! Your Compassion is matchless and infinite! Please send a shower of mercy our way. Ameen!

The most beloved actions to Allah are the ones that are performed consistently even though they are very small. 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 in 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 from other people.

He was a very humble person; he would wrap his face so that people would not notice 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 picked Imam Ahmed by his legs and dragged him into the middle of the street and dropped him.

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 few minutes. Imam Ahmed(RA) asked him how long he had been reciting this. The baker said that he had been doing it for his entire life. Imam Ahmed(RA) asked him 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 was that 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 whether he had 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, and he 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 him, so that he could learn how to repent, and that 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 how to do what her son had requested. A short while later someone knocked on her door. When she opened the door, she saw Hassan Basri standing there. She asked scholar what brought you 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 everyone. 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 they say. The wife said to him to do it some other time 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 goes and opens the door, and it is the guard from the entourage of the governor who 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 delight in it 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 their 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 him should do as he did. 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. The mom said, “woe is unto you, we were poor and dying, you were happy, now money has come, you are crying”.

The little girl cried, “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, Your mercy encompasses everything. 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 the 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 had heard. The scholar replied that he had been hearing it for past forty years.

The young man asked him then why he was tiring himself. The scholar started to cry and said, “where he can go; there is no other door besides His door”. As soon as the scholar said that 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 glance of Your mercy. O Allah, we are eager for Your never ever ending mercy, O Allah, forgive us. You are our only hope, accept our repentance. 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 is angry with him.

When Moses(AS) delivered Allah's message to him, the young man went deep into the desert, 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 have my sins exceeded Your limit of Mercy. How can 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 my scale. 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 his supplication, He will forgive them. He really understood His Mercy and Forgiveness. O Rehman, O Raheem, O Kareem….! One glance of Your mercy on us please, please, please…. Ameen

Once Prophet(SAW) said that no one's deeds can give salvation except with the compassion and mercy of Allah. One of the companions asked Prophet(SAW) even you, O prophet of Allah. 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 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, for death while he was prostrating, and 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; He 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 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 asks 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 his deeds or His mercy. He will say “because of Your mercy”. He 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 he drank sweet water and who made the

pomegranate tree bear fruit all year round, although they give fruits once a year. He will say "You my Lord". Allah tells him, that you asked Him to take his soul when he is prostrating, it was taken while he was 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(AS) 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 we seek, not compensation on our deeds. O Allah, Your mercy far exceeds our sins, it is Your mercy we seek, not compensation on our deeds. O Allah, Your mercy far exceeds our sins, it is Your mercy we seek, not compensation on 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 whole population of the city was sick and tired of him. They drove him out of the city and was barred from 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. There was 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 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 the Moses(AS) that this is the same rogue person, whom they had driven 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 the people, I would have forgiven them all. O Allah…. How can we ever lose hope in You? O Allah, we too 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 Prophet's companions informed him about the man and requested a Quranic passage they could recite over him. Prophet(SAW) 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 into 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 with 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, while 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, the mother grabbed his hand and whispered “O man, don’t lose her trust, your daughter is your trust” this made my heart shiver. He said that he took his daughter away. His daughter was playing around him thinking that I loved her. He said he reached a deep well which had sharp

rocks at the bottom, and suddenly agony of my culture overpowered me, and 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 went away and she died.

With his beard soaked with tears the Prophet(SAW) looked up 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 forgave all his 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, whilst people walked towards the mosque for Dawn prayers. He would abuse them, insult them. Then one night was the night of change for him that 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 that one night when he saw people walking towards the mosque, he heard the caller say Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest, and it struck his heart. When that happened, he was ashamed of the state he was in. He was ashamed of what he had done, and he ran home and locked himself in his room.

He said he fell to his knees and humbly prostrated before the Creator of heaven and earth, the One Whose hands hold all powers, who could destroy the world in an instant. Who has the winds, mountains, heavens and the earth as His soldiers, and no one knows of his soldiers except He Himself.

He broke down in humbleness and humility, before Him, and raised his hands towards the heavens and said, "O Lord, there is a barrier between me and You, I cannot break it, but I know You can". He said, as soon as I said

that the barrier broke, and the mercy of Allah engulfed his heart, and he was in mosque at dawn. Subhan-Allah! O Allah, make us one of Your repenting slaves, and forgive us. Ameen

After reading these stories, anyone who still loses hope in Allah, should blame only 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.

Umar**(RA)** once saw a young man weeping bitterly and asked what was wrong. The young man said he had committed a grave crime and feared Allah's wrath. Deeply distressed, he asked Umar**(RA)** to intercede for him before the Prophet**(SAW)**. Umar(RA) came to Prophet(SAW) he was crying. The Prophet(SAW) asked Umar(RA) why was he crying? He said O beloved of Allah, I was coming to visit you, and, on the way, I saw a young man weeping 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". The Prophet(AS) asked him, "is your crime greater than the throne of Allah"? He said O Prophet(AS) yes, "my crime is greater". The Prophet(AS) asked him if he had committed polytheism? He said "O Prophet(AS) He did not commit polytheism." The Prophet(AS) asked, him did he kill someone? He said O Prophet(AS) He did not kill anyone.

The Prophet(AS) then asked him what sin he committed. He said O Prophet of Allah his crime is 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. A few days ago, a young girl from Ansar died. As usual, he went to steal her shroud. After stripping her body, he was about to leave when Satan aroused him, and he had sex with the corpse. As he was leaving the grave, he heard a voice say, "You stripped me naked in front of the dead. On the Day of Judgment, I will stand before Allah(SWT) unwashed and defiled." This has 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 will ruin him completely.

He climbed a mountain and for forty days, he kept weeping, praying, prostrating and repenting to Allah(SWT). He would say "O Allah, I visited the Prophet(SAW) 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(AS) came to Prophet(SAW) gave him his and Allah's salam and said that Allah asks, O my beloved did you create the creatures or He did. The Prophet(SAW) said He created me and He created all the creatures. Gabriel(AS) said Allah asks, whether you are the sustainer or He is the sustainer of the creation. The Prophet(SAW) replied Allah is my sustainer and sustainer of all creations. Gabriel(AS) said Allah asks, whether you

are the forgiver of sins or He is the forgiver. The Prophet(SAW) replied that Allah is the forgiver of all sins.

Gabreal(AS) 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(SAW) 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 You. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen

In the Quran in Surah Burooj, Allah(SWT) 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 (85:1-10). 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. He(SWT) left his door of mercy open for the people who killed His beloved believers, by burning them alive. 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, Prophet(SAW) said repent to Allah, for he himself 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 earthquakes, the angels with destructive powers, seek Allah's permission to destroy humanity. They all ask Allah, how long is He going to tolerate the excesses and defiance of His commands by the humans?

Our Hannan Allah, our Mannan Allah, our Ghaffar Allah, our Wahab Allah, our Razzak Allah, call's out to them, if they are your slaves then do whatever you want to do with them, and if they are His slaves, then it is between Him 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

Having Allah is having everything. Our power stems from our connection with Allah(SWT); without nurturing this connection, our efforts will be unsuccessful. O people if you learnt nothing but learnt how to take from the treasures (by praying) of Allah(SWT), then you need no one else. He has decreed for us our sustenance we cannot have cent more or cent less than 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 were 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(SWT), the dearer he is to Him. 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 of Your friends. 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(SAW) said that he feared if we did not sin, a greater sin of arrogance would grip us. May Allah protect us from it.

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.

Revolution comes 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 will have to 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 Sunnah of 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 prayer because that is the best time to connect with Allah(SWT).

If we want our connections with Allah we must pray late night 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 Prophet(SAW) said: "No one will enter Paradise except with Allah's mercy". The companions asked Prophet(SAW), "even you". He said, "yes, even I, except that He(SWT) 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, to 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 and prepared himself to die a dehydrated death. In his worries he fell asleep.

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(SWT), 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 Muslims, 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 promise 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. What we should not be building for this world but for the Hereafter. If we built for this world it would go to waste as we will only carry our burial wrap with us. If calamity befalls us, so be it, we are the builders of the Hereafter and we have hope with 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 qadar. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!

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Benefits of Istaghfar (repentance)

A man once approached Hazrat Hassan al-Basri(RA) and said, "Sir, I am a great sinner; please teach me an act of worship to earn forgiveness." He replied go and do repentance. Another man approached the teacher, complaining of a long drought and asking for an act of

worship to bring rain. The teacher replied, "Go and seek repentance." A third came, burdened by debt, asking for a prayer to gain wealth. The reply was the same: "Go and seek repentance." A fourth man asked for prayers to be blessed with pious children, a fifth for his garden to bear abundant fruit, and a sixth for a spring to flow in his home. To each, the teacher gave the same counsel: "Go and seek repentance."

His student, Ibn Sabih, was astonished that the same solution was offered for every problem and finally asked the teacher why he advised them all to repent. 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 Prophet of Allah that 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)**

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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. 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 of our rooms, we have air conditioning. We want water, we have taps with running water. We want entertainment; we have TV's, computers and mobiles that entertain us round the clock. We want food and drinks; we have restaurants and takeaways where we can have continental, Chinese, fast foods and oriental cuisines, all night long.

Then what is making 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 people.

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 should not 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 we should never under estimate 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 Muslims, 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. 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 Muslims, 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. O brothers, by remembering Allah, we learn to be content and the 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.

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Conclusion

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 the 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 while 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 are 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 the All-Merciful. We should rid ourselves from 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 Him. We should accept the article six of our religion, the Destiny. Remember, Allah is in control, so don't stress yourself out and leave it to Allah. To Him, we belong 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 Prophet(SAW) 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 closer to

Allah(SWT). We should be grateful 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 Mohammed(SAW) "When My worshippers ask you about Me, tell them that I am very close. I respond to every caller as 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 (taraweeh, this prayer is equivalent to tahajjud prayer), 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; all we have to do is repent to Allah with sincerity. But pleasing Him in the Hereafter is impossible. O Brothers, fall face down 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 closer to his Lord and these are:

a) **Pain:** In pain and agony when we find no relief elsewhere, we 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 and 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.

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 the 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. When we squabble over it without understanding it, we lose the connection with Allah. That is why when we recite the speech of Allah it does not move our hearts, because we did not 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 journey. We have lost the tradition of praying in happiness, sadness, in sickness 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 Prophet(SAW) said that when Allah loves a slave, He calls on Gabriel(AS) the leader of the angels. About whom Allah said in the Quran, that whoever is 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 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 the believers, truly. For them are degrees (high positions) with their Lord and forgiveness and noble provision" **(8:2-4)**.

O Muslims, 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 then asks, "What if they had seen Him". The angels say, "They would have worshiped You more than us". Allah asks, "Why were they worshipping Me and what do they want? The angels say, "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(SAW) was touring the paradise during his ascension to the heavens, when he felt a beautiful fragrance. Prophet(SAW) asked Gabriel(AS) about the fragrance. He told him that it was coming from the hairdresser of the Pharaoh. Prophet(SAW) asked him to relate the 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, "Do you mean my father", she said no, I mean Allah, my Lord and your father's lord. The princess said she can tell this to her father. The hairdresser said yes. Next day the hairdresser was subpoenaed to the court of the pharaoh.

He asked her, "Who is your Lord". She said Allah is my 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 and your Lord." Guard snatched one of her children and threw him in the boiling oil. In minutes he was charcoal.

Pharaoh asked her again with echoes of laughter, "Who is your lord." She again replied, "Allah is my and your Lord." Guard snatched second child and threw him in the boiling oil and in minutes he too was charcoal. The guard snatched the baby and held him over the boiling oil. Pharaoh again asked her while giggling, "Who is your lord." She hesitated for a few seconds when her baby

spoke out, mother we will meet in the Paradise. She said Allah is my and your Lord. He threw them both in the boiling oil. Allah has made that tyrant a living sign for the people to come. 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 grave yard 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(SWT). 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 Dinar's 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(SWT) 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(SWT) 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 salve". 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 water, it washes and takes the earth with it. The child again asked what is stronger than water. His father replied, heavens that convert 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 more 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, O Allah You are enough for me, O Allah, You are my sustainer, my provider and my reliever. Ameen

In humbleness I found such delight,
That all my arrogance faded from sight;

By Your blessings, steadfast and fit,
I was saved from falling into the pit.

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Supplication

O Allah, we beg of 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 Mohammed(SAW) Your servant and Your messenger and on the family of Mohammed. 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 fill our hearts with mercy, because You are the most merciful, and love Your slaves who are merciful. O Allah, build in us compassion for Your creation, because You are Compassionate and love Your slaves who have compassion for others. 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 Your slaves who are patient.

O Allah, make us charitable so that we may fulfill the needs of the needy, because You love Your slaves who give charity. O Allah, give us the courage to come in support of the oppressed, because You love Your slaves who help the oppressed. O Allah let us be caring for our families, relatives, friends, Muslims and humanity in general because You love those who are caring.

O Allah, make us from those who unite the Ummah on the principals of the Quran and Sunnah of Prophet Mohammed(SAW), and let not us be from those who divide it. O Allah, Prophet(SAW) said that his Ummah will be divided 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 non can forgive 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 negligible. O Allah, weakness has gripped me, and death has nearly caught up with me, and my state is such that 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, sometimes when I am

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. O Allah, 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 my Lord, I know that without Your mercy my status is lower than a dog's.

O Allah, when 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 Allah. 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 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(SWT). O Lord, I know my character and 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 will 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 O Allah, I seek refuge in Your mercy from Your punishment, and O Allah, 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 I get a notion to ask You, to 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 Prophet(SAW) 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.

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 will make lots of mistakes.

O Allah, save me from the predicaments of my deeds. O Allah, I recognize all Your blessings, and I confess to all my sins, O Allah, forgive me and no one can forgive except You. O Allah, perfect the religion in me, as it is of utmost importance to 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 the Destiny. O Allah, I am worthless, but I am Your slave and none 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 You, 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 Allah 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 of manners.

O Allah, truly 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 Exerting One and O Forgiving One.

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 Mohammed(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 Momin and Mominat, and Muslims and Muslimat, 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 heaven and the earth, and whatever is in them, and all praises are for You, You are the sustainer of the heaven 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 Mohammed(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 blessing on Your and our beloved Prophet(SAW) and his family. Ameen

I am blind, the path is slick, no guiding hand in sight;
Many stand to push me down — You alone hold me upright.
In the depth of night Your mercy calls in a voice so wide,
"The door is open for those who seek forgiveness," You gently cry.

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Hadith References

Ref#1

عن انس بن مالک قال قال رسول اللهﷺ الله اشد فرحا بتوبة عبده حين يتوب اليه ، من احدكم كان على راحلته بارض فلاة فانفلتت منه وعليها طعامه وشرابه فأيس منها فاتى شجرة فاضطجع فى ظلها قد ايس من راحلته فبينا هو كذالک اذا هو بها قائمة عنده فاخذ بخطامها ثم قال من شدة الفرح اللهم انت عبدى وانا ربک اخطا من شدة الفرح ـصحيح مسلم كتاب الآداب حديث 7060

It is narrated by Anas bin Malik(RA) that Prophet(SAW) 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 his intensity of his joy said O Allah You are my slave and I am Your master. In his intensity of his joy, he flipped. (Sahih Muslim, Kitab Al-Adaab, No. 7060,)

Ref#2

عن ابی ہریرۃ عن رسول اللہ قال: اسرف رجل علی نفسہ فلما حضرہ الموت أوصٰی بنیہ فقال:إذا أنا مت فأحرقونی ثم اسحقونی ثم ذرّونی فی الریح، فی البحر۔ فواللہ لئن قدر علیّ ربی لیعذبنی عذابا ما عذبہ أحدا۔قال: ففعلوا بہ ذٰلک ۔ فقال للأرض: أدی ما أخذت۔ فإذا ھو قائم۔ فقال لہ: ماحملک علی ماصنعت؟ قال:خشیتک أو مخافتک یا رب فغفرلہ لذٰلک۔سنن ابن ماجہ حدیث4255

It is narrated by Abu Huraira(RA) that Prophet(SAW) 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 أبی ہریرۃؓ قال قال رسول اللہﷺ:إن اللہ إذا أحب عبدا دعا جبرئیل علیہ السلام فقال إنی احب فلانا فاحبّہ قال فیحبہ جبرئیل ثم ینادی فی السماء فیقول إن اللہ یحب فلانا فاحبوہ فیحبہ أہل السماء قال ثم یوضع لہ القبول فی الارض۔ صحیح مسلم ،کتاب البر، حدیث 6705

It is narrated by Abu Huraira(RA) that Prophet(SAW) said that when Allah(SWT) loves a person, he calls Gabriel(AS) and tells him that he loves so and so person and that you should love him too. Gabriel starts loving him. An announcement was made in the heavens that Allah loves such and such person so you should love

him. The inhabitants of the heavens start loving him and then on earth he is made popular.

Ref#4

قولہ ﷺ: تخلقوا بأخلاق االله تعالٰی (تفسیر رازی)

Prophet(SAW) said adopt the characters, attributes of Allah(SWT).

Ref#5

ذو الکفل من بنی اسرائیل لایتورع من ذنب عملہ فأتتہ امرأة فأعطاها ستین دینارا علی أن یطأها فلما قعد منها مقعد الرجل من امرأتہ ارتعدت وبکت فقال ما یبکیک أ أکرهتک قالت لا ولٰکنہ عمل ما عملتہ قط وما حملنی علیہ الا الحاجة فقال تفعلین انت هٰذا وما فعلتہ اذهبی فهی لک وقال واالله لا أعصی االله بعدها أبدا فمات من لیلتہ فأصبح مکتوبا علی بابہ إن االله قد غفر لذی کفل۔ تفسیر قرطبی، جز 11 ص:328

Zolkifal was an Israelite. He was a sinner and promiscuous. He gave a woman sixty Dinars to have sex with her. When Zolkifal was about to make sex with her she started to tremble and cry. Zolkifal asked her, if he had forced her to do this promiscuous act. The woman replied no. But the truth is that she never engaged in such heinous act before, it is poverty and hunger that motivated me to it. Zolkifal said you were forced to do this and you never did this before. He said go, these sixty Dinars are yours. Zolkifal decided that he will 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 Zolkifal”. (Tafseer Kutbi, Vol. 11, P.328,)

Ref#6

حکی أن شیخا حج مع شاب فلما احرم قال لبیک اللهم لبیک فقیل لہ لا لبیک فقال شاب للشیخ ألا تسمع هٰذا الجواب فقال کنت اسمع هٰذا الجواب منذ سبعین سنة قال فلای شئ تتعب نفسک فبکی الشیخ فقال فالی ای باب التجئ فقیل لہ قد قبلناک۔ تفسیر 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 اﷲ بن عمرو یبلغ بہ النبی ﷺ: الراحمون یرحمھم الرحمن، ارحموا اہل الارض یرحکم من فی السماء۔ سنن ابی داؤد حدیث 4941

It is narrated by Abdullah Bin Umro(RA) that Prophet(SAW) said that those who have mercy on others The Merciful will have mercy on him. You have mercy on the people of the earth and the Lord of the heavens will have mercy on you.

Ref#8

عن ابی ہریرۃ قال قال رسول اﷲ ﷺ اذا مضی شطر اللیل او ثلثاہ ینزل اﷲ تبارک وتعالٰی الی السماء الدنیا فیقول ہل من سائل یعطٰی ہل من داع یستجاب لہ ہل من مستغفر یغفرلہ حتی ینفجر الصبح۔صحیح مسلم ، کتاب صلاۃ المسافرین،حدیث 1774

It is narrated by Abu Huraira(RA) that Prophet(SAW) said that after midnight or two third night, Allah(SWT) 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.

Ref#9

عن جرير بن عبد االله قال قال رسول االله ﷺ من لا يرحم الناس لا يرحمہ االله عز وجل۔
صحیح مسلم ، کتاب الفضائل ،حدیث 6030

It is narrated by Jareer Bin Abdullah(RA) that Prophet(SAW) said that any man that does not have pity on other humans, Allah will not have pity on him.

Ref#10

عن حذیفۃ ان رجلا اتی بہ االله عزوجل فقال: ماذا عملت فی الدنیا؟ فقال لہ الرجل: ما علمت من مثقال ذرۃ من خیر ارجوک بھا، فقالھا لہ ثلاثاوقال فی الثالثۃ: ای رب کنت اعطیتنی فضلا من مال فی الدنیا، فکنت ابایع الناس وکان من خلقی اتجاوز عنہ وکنت ایسر علی الموسر، وانظر المعسر۔ فقال عز وجل نحن اولی بذلک منک تجاوزوا عن عبدی فغفر لہ۔ مسند احمد،حدیث 17064

Huzaifa(RA) narrates that a man will be brought infront of Allah(SWT). 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.

Ref#11

عن ابی ہریرۃ قال قال النبیﷺ بینما کلب یطیف برکیۃ کاد یقتلہ العطش اذ رأتہ بغی من بغایا بنی اسرائیل فنزعت موقھا فسقتہ فغفرلھابہ۔صحیح بخاری ، کتاب بد الخلق،حدیث 3467

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

Ref#12

عن ابی سعید الخدری عن النبی ﷺ قال کان فی بنی اسرائیل رجل قتل تسعۃ و تسعین انسانا ثم خرج یسال فأتی راہبا فسالہ فقال لہ ہل من توبۃ قال لا، فقتلہ فجعل یسال فقال لہ رجل ائت قریۃ کذا وکذا فأدرکہ الموت فناء بصدرہ نحوھا فاختصمت فیہ ملائکۃ الرحمۃ وملائکۃ العذاب فأوحی الی ھٰذہ ان تقربی واوحی ا اللہ الی ھٰذہ ان تباعدی وقال قسیوا ما بینھما فوجد الی ھذہ اقرب بشبر فغفر لہ۔صحیح بخاری ، کتاب بد الخلق،حدیث 3470

It is narrated by Abu Saeed Khuzri(RA) that Prophet(SAW) 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 replied 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.

Ref#13

عن جابر قال قال رسول اللہﷺ ثلاثۃ من کن فیہ نشر اللہ علیہ کنفہ وادخلہ جنتہ رفق بالضعیف و الشفقۃ علی الوالدین والاحسان الی المملوک ۔جامع الاصول جز 9 حدیث 7312

It is narrated by Jabber(RA) that Prophet(SAW) said that whosoever has three these three qualities, Allah will take him under the shade of his mercy and enter him in His Paradise. Those who are soft hearted with the weak, kind to the parents and who give favors to their subordinates.

Ref#14

عن سعد بن ابی وقاص قال قلت یا رسول اللہ ای النا اشد بلاء قال الانبیاء ثم الامثل فالامثل یبتلی العبد علی حسب دینہ ۔سنن ابن ماجہ ، باب الصبر، 4023

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

Ref#15

عن ابی ہریرۃ عن النبیﷺ قال ان اللہ ماءۃ رحمۃ انزل منھا رحمۃ واحدۃ بین الجن والانس والبھائم والھوام فبھا یتعاطفون وبھا یتراحمون وبھا تعطف الوحش علی ولدھا واخر اللہ تسعا و تسعین رحمۃ یرحم بھا عبادہ یوم القیامۃ۔صحیح مسلم ، باب فی سعۃ رحمۃ اللہ ، **7150**

Abu Huraira narrates that Prophet(SAW) said: verily Allah's blessing has 100 parts. One part was distributed amongst the devils, humans, animals and insects, due 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 ابی ہریرۃ قال قال رسول اللہﷺ قاربوا وسددوا فانہ لیس احد منکم ینجیہ عملہ ۔ قالوا ولا انت؟ یا رسول اللہ قال: ولا انا ۔ الا ان یتغمدنی اللہ برحمۃ منہ وفضل۔ سنن ابن ماجہ ، باب التوقی علی العمل ، حدیث 4201

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

Ref#17

عن مسرۃ بن معبد ان رجلا اتی النبی ﷺ فقال یارسول اللہ انا کنا اہل الجاہلیۃ وعبادۃ اوثان فکنا نقتل الاولاد وکانت عندی بنت لی فلما اجابت عبادۃ الاوثان وکانت مسرورۃ بدعائی اذا دعوتھا فدعوتھا یوما فاتبعتنی فمررت حتی اتیت بئرا من اہلی غیر بعید ،

فاخذت بيدها فرديت بها فی البئر ، وكان آخر عهدی بها ان تقول يا ابتاه يا ابتاه فبكی رسول اللہ ﷺحتی وكف دمع عينيہ۔سنن دارمی حديث **2**

Misrah bin maabad narrates that a person came to Prophet(SAW) and said, O messenger of Allah(SAW), 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 Prophet(SAW) started to cry. (Sunan Aldari No.2,)

Ref#18

عن عبد اللہ بن بريدة عن ابيہ قال خرج الينا رسول اللہ ﷺ يوما فنادی ثلاث مرار فقال ايها الناس تدرون ما مثلی ومثلكم ؟ قالوا اللہ ورسولہ اعلم ۔ قال انما مثلی ومثلكم مثل قوم خافوا عدوا ياتيهم فبعثوا رجلا تيراء ی لهم فبينما هم كذلک ابصر العدو فاقبل لينذرهم ، وخشی ان يدركہ العدو قبل ينذر قومہ فاہوی بثوبہ ايها الناس اتيم ايها اتيتم ثلاث مرار۔مسند احمد 22948

Abdullah bin Bridah narrates that one-day Prophet(SAW) 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(SAW) knows 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 will catchup with them before he could warn them. He took of his clothes and started waving and shouting, you are about to be attacked, you are about to be attacked….

Ref#19

قال رسول اللہﷺ مثلی كمثل رجل استوقد نارا فلما اضاء ت ما حولها جعل الفراش وهذه الدواب التی يعقن فی النار يقعن فيها وجعل يحجزهن ويغلبنہ فيتقحمن فيها قال فذلكم مثلی و مثلكم انا آخذ بحجزكم عن النار هلم عن النار هلم النار فتغلبونی تقحمنون فيها۔ مسند احمد **8117**

The Prophet(SAW) said, his example is like the example of a man who started a fire, when it lightened the moth and insects stared falling in the fire. He tried to stop them from falling in 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.

Ref#20

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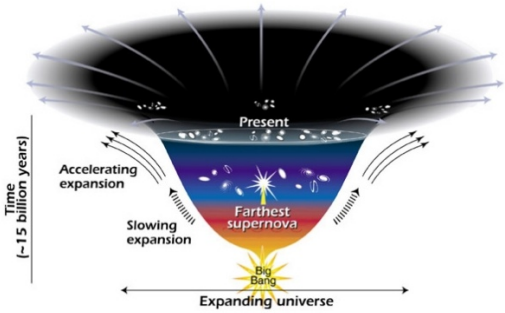
REF#21



Universe Dark Energy-1 Expanding Universe

The reveals 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 effects 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 everything on earth, everything ever observed with all our instruments, all normal matter, 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 far too little visible matter 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.

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