



## **Attributes Of The Lord And... Their Manifestation In The Slaves**

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## Introduction

Allah [swt] Said  
Quran Chapter 20 Ta-Ha



Allah! There Is No God But He!  
To Him Belong The Most Beautiful Names.  
[Verse 8]

Ibn Abbas RA said that everything has a pillar and the pillar of this deen is La-Ilaha-Illal-Lah (There is no one worthy of worship except Allah);

The Pillar Of La-Ilaha-Illal-Lah Is Qur'an;  
The Pillar Of Qur'an Is Surah Al-Fatiha;  
The Pillar Of Surah Al-Fatiha Is Bismillah Ir Rahman Ar  
Raheem  
(I Begin With The Name Of Allah, The Merciful, The Kind)  
Meaning The Names Of Allah [swt].

Imam Shaf'i (May Allah have mercy on him) went on to say that Allah summarized all the messages He revealed to mankind in His own names. Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyya wrote a book titled Miftah Dar As-Sa'adah which can be summarized in the following sentence:

You Will Never Be A Believer Until...  
You Have Steadfastness With The Names Of Allah [swt]!

We know the famous hadeeth of RasulAllah SAW where he said:

“To God Belong 99 Names, 100 Minus 1,  
Anyone Who Memorizes Them Will Enter Paradise”

In this series of articles, by the will of Allah [swt], we will explore the real meaning of knowing Allah [swt] and His attributes; and how this affects the relationship between the Lord and His slaves.



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## Focus

The Fountain Head of Achievement

This quote of Tony Robbins, in my opinion, explains the situation of the Muslim world today...

One Reason So Few Of Us Achieve What We Truly Want  
Is That We Never Direct Our Focus;  
We Never Concentrate Our Power;  
Most People Dabble Their Way Through Life  
Never Deciding To Master Anything In Particular!

Muslim Ummah today is running into two major issues...

### **Al-Ghuloo wa At-Takhseer**

- Al-Ghuloo is to have rigidity to the point it can break you. Prophet Muhammad SAW warned us against ghuloo in deen notifying us that it destroyed earlier people.
- At-Takhseer is the other extreme approach where people discard all the rules and regulations and make deen a thing of insignificance. This is the practice of some deviated sects today who promote innovations and disregard the essence of Islam. Both extremes are wrong.

Allah [swt] created us as 'ummat-wasata', the middle nation and the middle in here refers to implementation of islam and to be aware of going to any extreme as it can either break the ummah or lead it astray. Either of these extremes are caused by confusion among the Muslims which is usually the result of not being focused on the message and what is required of one.



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## **Purpose Of Knowledge**

Everything In Islam Has A Purpose...  
Behind This Purpose There Is Regulation...  
Behind Regulation There Is Manner;  
The Implementation Of Manner Needs Wisdom;  
And Wisdom Needs Rahma...  
If Any Of These Links In The Chain Are Broken,  
The Entire Chain Is Scattered!!!

The purpose of knowledge of Islam is to give us the manners, character and good behavior to carry the message of Islam to humanity. However, Muslims today are deprived of it; on personal level, family level, within the Muslim community, with non-Muslims, while at the masjid or even at the haram. We have lost a lot of adab, which is a reflection of lack of Iman and proper understanding of the deen.



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## **Importance Of Focus**

Allah [swt] says in the Qur'an!  
Chapter 51 Adh-Dhariyat

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ ﴿٥٦﴾

And [Tell Them That]  
I Have Not Created The Invisible Beings And Men  
To Any End Other Than That  
They May [Know And] Worship Me.  
[Verse 56]

In this article, we will explore the importance of focusing our faculties and building concentration in order to have a fruitful relationship with Allah [swt]. Our venerable scholars have interpreted 'worship' to know Allah and to understand Him. This is the reason we are created and thus by default this is the command of Allah [swt] for us.

But How Can One Love, Worship And Build A Relationship  
With Someone He Doesn't Know?

This is where the importance of knowing the names of Allah [swt] comes in. Allah summarized most of the knowledge about Him, that He wants us to know, in His own names and attributes. This is the kind of knowledge that if once comprehended, makes following the deen not only practical, but enjoyable. However, in the middle of high speed cyclone of dunya, religion has become very insignificant and of lesser value for people, including Muslims.

Even, "Religious" Muslims Are Happy  
With Some Halal And Haram,  
Salah, Fasting Or Some Other Aspect Of Islam  
And Are Contented With Just This Much.

Therefore, we are in reality deprived of the actual magnitude of Islam.

We Need To Re-Learn Islam  
As A 'Message' From The Creator For All Humanity.  
We Have To Learn That Islam  
Is The Status Of The Heart  
And A Muslim Is Required To Be Surrendered  
To The Will Of Allah [swt] At Any Given Time.

His thinking, desires, emotions, goals, and ambitions all should be according to Islam. This requires a person to be very focused and concentrated, and to be strong enough to not only differentiate between distractions and rightful interests, but be able to instantly make the correct decisions.

Power of focus and concentration is not a new phenomenon. Yoga and Zen are well known concentration exercises and there are amazing things that can be achieved through that. Martial arts and the almost super human accomplishments of the artists are known examples of this practice.

This Ability To Focus And Concentrate  
Is An Integral Part Of Our Deen...  
No Messenger And Prophet Received Guidance And Revelation  
Without First Mastering The Ability  
To Focus His Thinking  
Focus Of Thinking On The Creator!

Absence or lack of this focus will result in absence of divine power and energy in a person. In this high speed life, we are unable to have pure and clear thinking. A person always has so much to think about that thinking about one topic clearly becomes impossible.

The Inability To Focus With Allah [swt]  
Results In Preoccupation With  
Dunya [world], Shaytaan [Satan], Nafs [Desires]  
And The Distractions In Life Keeps Increasing

While studying the lives of the prophets and messengers, one

will notice the pattern of them spending time in seclusion before receiving revelation from Allah [swt]. This seclusion is what is supposed to develop clear thinking and concentration which spiritually prepares the person to carry the burden of conveying Allah's message to masses.



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## **Ibraheem's Vision Of Guidance**

Pure Thinking & Ability To Focus

Allah [swt] tells us about Ibraheem [as]'s vision of guidance in following words:

Surah Anaam, Chapter 6 : Verse 75-79

- And thus We gave Abraham [his first] insight into [God's] mighty dominion over the heavens and the earth - and [this] to the end that he might become one of those who are inwardly sure.
- Then, when the night overshadowed him with its darkness, he beheld a star; [and] he exclaimed, "This is my Sustainer!" -but when it went down, he said, "I love not the things that go down."
- Then, when he beheld the moon rising, he said, "This is my Sustainer!" but when it went down, he said, "Indeed, if my Sustainer guide me not. I will most certainly become one of the people who go astray!"
- "Then, when he beheld the sun rising, he said, "This is my Sustainer! This one is the greatest [of all]!" - but when it [too] went down, he exclaimed: "O my people! Behold, far be it from me to ascribe divinity, as you do, to aught beside God!"
- Behold, unto Him who brought into being the heavens and the earth have I turned my face, having turned away

from all that is false; and I am not of those who ascribe divinity to aught beside Him."

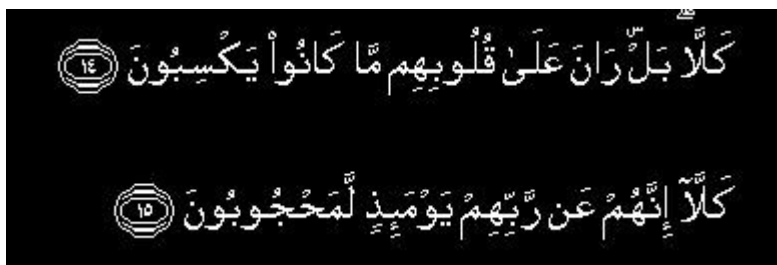
It was that pure thinking of Ibraheem as and his ability to focus that brought him to the rightly guided conclusion.



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## What Prevents People From Reaching This Purity?

Allah [swt] Answers That As Below  
Chapter 83 Al-Mutaffifeen



By No Means!

But On Their Hearts Is The Stain Of The (Ill)  
Which They Do! Verily, From (The Light Of) Their Lord,  
That Day, Will They Be Veiled.  
[Verse 14 and 15]

It is people's own doings that prevent them from reaching the guidance from their Lord [swt]. And if they persist in this negligence, it will be very hard for them to return to the right path and it will eventually result in blindness on the Day of Judgment.

Allah [swt] said in Surah TaHa, Ayahs 124 - 126:

- "But whosoever turns away from My Message, verily for him is a life narrowed down, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Judgment."

- He will say: "O my Lord! why hast Thou raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)?"
- " ((Allah)) will say: "Thus didst Thou, when Our Signs came unto thee, disregard them: so wilt thou, this day, be disregarded."

Here Allah [SwT] Is Reminding His Slaves  
That If They Forget To Remember Him,  
They Will Be Blinded In This Life  
And In The Hereafter.

Blindness in this world doesn't need to be physically manifested, rather it is blindness of a person from doing and gaining things of real benefit



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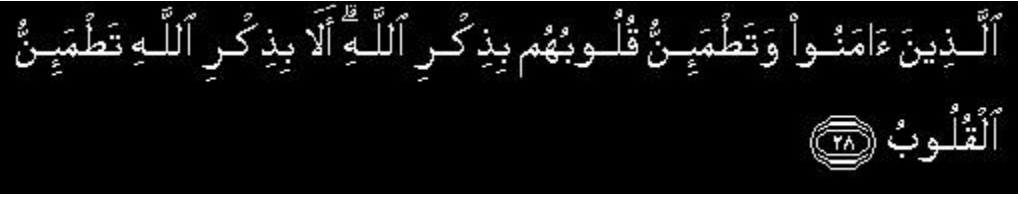
## **Thinking Leads To Remembrance Of Allah**

Thoughts, Ideas And The Ability To Communicate  
And To Act Upon Them Is What Differentiates  
Humans From All Other Creations...

Allah SWT has given humans the faculty of thinking which is what earned us the level of Ashraf-ul-Makhlooqat or the exalted creation. The best form of gratitude towards Allah for giving us this high status is to utilize this thinking towards Him SWT, to ponder over His gifts and the unlimited amount of mercy He has showered upon us.

The more one thinks, the more his heart will focus until it is overwhelmed with the remembrance of Allah [swt], which is the goal in itself. Allah SWT says:

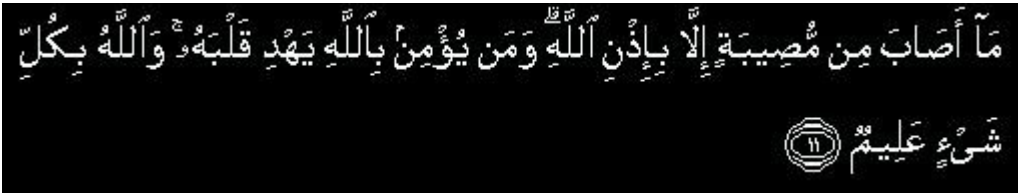
## Chapter 13 Al-Ra'd



"Those Who Believe, And Whose Hearts Find Satisfaction In The Remembrance Of Allah. For Without Doubt In The Remembrance Of Allah Do Hearts Find Satisfaction. [Verse 28]

In this stressful, crazed world, peace of mind and heart is an achievement worth attaining. The more one tastes this peace, the higher the desire becomes and the more a person thinks about it. Thus, thinking and remembrance of Allah SWT are intertwined.

## Chapter 64 At-Taghabun



No kind of calamity can occur, except by the leave of Allah. and if any one believes in Allah, (Allah) guides his heart (aright): for Allah knows all things. [Verse 11]

This leads us back to the purpose of our creation: Remember Allah, live for Him, live for the propagation of the message of Islam until one is truly the ambassador of Allah and His deen.



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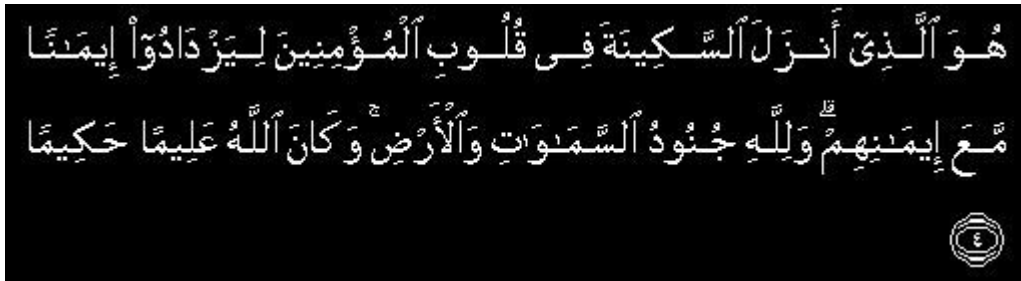
**Why Is The Condition Of The World  
As We See Today?**

This Is Because Muslims Themselves  
Have Lost The Message Of Islam  
Islam Has Become An Empty Shell  
An Empty Shell Of Laws Of Haraam And Halaal  
While The Fruit Of Spirituality Has Lost...

We have become so shallow that half billion Muslims worshipping are unable to produce any substantial difference; whereas one companion of the Prophet Muhammad SAW could change any condition with his/her du'a.

When this is the situation, means we lack the understanding of the purpose of our creation along with the creation of earth, Iblees and his powers. Islam teaches us that Allah SWT has the ultimate control so the more we surrender to the one in control, the more we are in control; and the more we get away from Him, the more we are weak and lose control of situations in life.

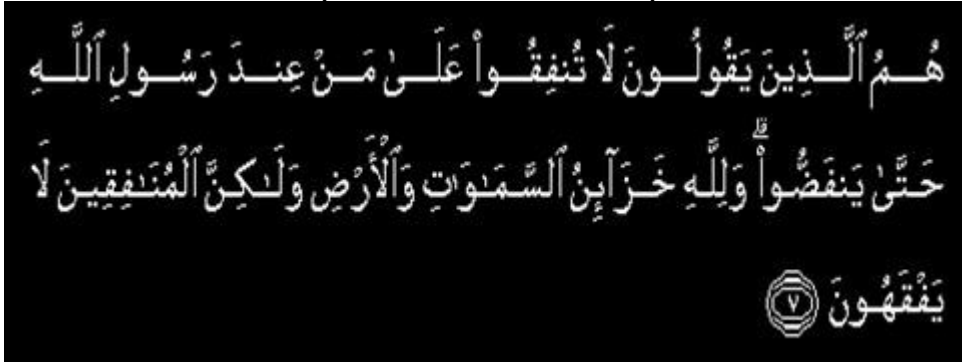
#### Chapter 48 Al-Fath



It is he who sent down tranquility into the hearts of the believers, that they may add faith to their faith for to allah belong the forces of the heavens and the earth and allah is full of knowledge and wisdom.

[Verse 4]

## Chapter 63 Al-Munafiqoon



They are the ones who say, "spend nothing on those who are with allah's messenger, to the end that they may disperse (and quit medina). "but to allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth but the hypocrites understand not. [Verse 7]



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## The Proof For The Creators Existence

Everything In Creation Points Towards The Existence Of The Creator

The Qur'an revealed during Prophet Muhammad's time in Makkah (known as the Makki Qur'an) talks mostly about Allah SWT and His manifested signs in His creation.

The Arabic Word Allah

When you look at the physical word of Allah in Arabic, it starts with 'alif'. If you remove 'alif' it becomes 'lillah' which means 'towards him'. If you remove the first laam, it becomes lahoo which means 'for him'. If remove the next laam, it becomes huwa which means 'him'. So, at any given time, all states of affairs are pointing towards Him SWT. Thus, the name of Allah SWT, in itself, is one of the best dhikr to perform as every

letter reminds one of Him SWT.

Prophet Muhammad SAW said: "The best of my sayings and of the sayings of all Prophets before me is: There is no god but Allah alone, without partner, to Him belong all sovereignty and glory, and He has power over all things." (Narrated by Tirmidhi).



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## **The Power Of Allah[swt] In Our Lives**

One Of The Most Powerful Outcome  
Of The Connection With Allah SWT  
Through Constant Remembrance Is The Power  
Spiritual And Physical  
That A Person Gains!

Once we lose our focus, thinking, vision and have no seclusion to develop our relationship with Allah, this power and energy will be diminished and we will be unable to gain anything substantial. Allah SWT reminds us in

Surah Hashr, Chapter 59:



He is Allah besides Whom there is no god; the Knower of the unseen and the seen; He is the Beneficent, the Merciful. (Verse 22)

Allah SWT goes on to remind His creation who holds the power of everything in:

Surah Shu'ara, Verses 78 and 80

الَّذِي خَلَقَنِي فَهُوَ يَهْدِينِ ﴿٧٨﴾

"Who created me, and it is He Who guides me;

وَإِذَا مَرِضْتُ فَهُوَ يَشْفِينِ ﴿٨٠﴾

"And when I am ill, it is He Who cures me.

We can see the earlier discussed Arabic variation of the name of Allah SWT in the form of 'huwa' in the above mentioned ayahs. All of these ayahs remind us of the power of Allah SWT in our lives. Once we really focus and think, we can't help but thank Allah and praise Him for His graces and bounties upon us.

The More You Think And Ponder Over  
The Greatness Of Allah SWT,  
The More You Get To Know Him  
And The More You Know Him,  
The More You Become Closer To Him.  
Hence, Focus Is The Fountainhead  
Of Your Achievement With Your Lord SWT.

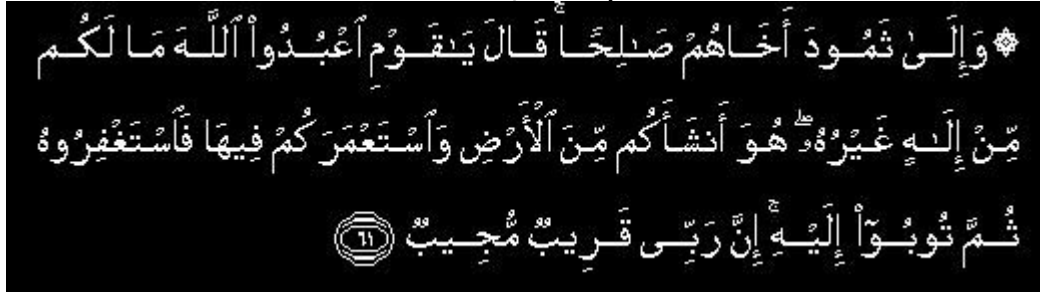
This relationship gives us adab or manner with Allah SWT and one of the manifestations of this adab is that we don't question Allah SWT about what He is doing; whereas He SWT holds the ultimate authority to ask us.

How Can We Question Allah SWT's Wisdom  
When We Have Such Limited Knowledge  
Compared To Him?

Angels, the pure creation of Allah questioned Him when He SWT decided to create Adam AS; they were concerned about the mischief humans would make on earth. Allah SWT answered them saying: I know what you know not.

When Musa AS met Khidr to gain knowledge from him, Khidr reminded him the power of Allah SWT in beautiful words saying that all human knowledge combined is like a drop of water in the ocean compared to the knowledge of Allah SWT.

### Surah Hud, Chapter 11



To the Thamud People (We sent) Salih, one of their own brethren. He said: "O my people! Worship Allah. Ye have no other god but Him. It is He Who hath produced you from the earth and settled you therein: Then ask forgiveness of Him, and turn to Him (in repentance): for my Lord is (always) near, ready to answer."(Verse 61)



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## Purpose Of Creation

Allah SWT Sent Us On This Earth With A Very Clear Purpose  
And That Is To Worship Him And Exalt His Name

This worship can be divided into three main categories:

- To follow the knowledge of Allah SWT
- To follow His constitution the way He wants it and according to the teachings of His Prophet SAW
- To implement this constitution until our entire life becomes a reflection of it

Along with giving us this clear purpose of our existence, Allah SWT also told us about our enemy, Shaytaan, and what he did. Basically warning us from following his footsteps.

The two major diseases that were the roots of destruction for Iblees are:

- Takabbur (arrogance)
- Hasad (jealousy)

Allah SWT mentions the consequence of these diseases in his heart in the following words:

#### Surah Baqara, Chapter 2

قُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنْ تَبِعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

We said: "Get ye down all from here; and if, as is sure, there comes to you Guidance from me, whosoever follows My guidance, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve. ( Verse 38)

By His mercy, Allah SWT not only told us the diseases that can cause such immense destruction, He went on to provide the cure and protection from them as well. Allah SWT promises to protect the people who fit the following description:

- Ibaad-Allah (Slaves of Allah)
- Al-Mukhliseen (The sincere ones)
- Al-Mutawakkileen (Those who rely on Allah SWT)



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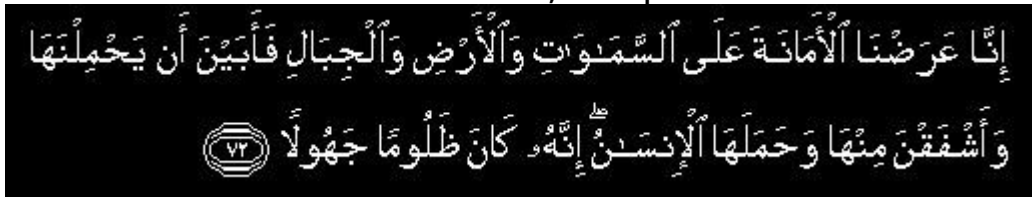
## Lord's Ways to Humble His Slaves

Allah swt has created us with shortcomings as a trial in life and he has given us means to overcome this incompleteness in our souls. this is part of mujahada (struggle) every human has to perform in life in order to perfect his faith.

### Imperfections In Humans

1. Default Weakness: Allah SWT has created every individual with some form of default weakness and he is supposed to struggle against it until he overcomes it. Examples of these weaknesses could be stinginess, anger, laziness etc.
2. Ignorant: Allah SWT says in the Quran:

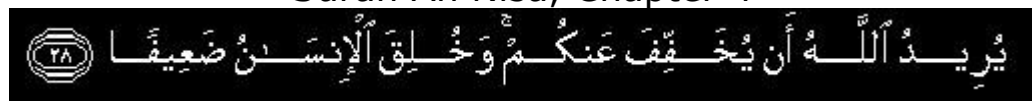
Surah Al Ahzab, Chapter 33



Surely We offered the trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, but they refused to be unfaithful to it and feared from it, and man has turned unfaithful to it; surely he is unjust, ignorant; (Verse 72)

3. Weak: Allah SWT created humans to be weak—physically, emotionally, spiritually, their ability to think, comprehend, and achieve—hence no human can claim perfection. Only Allah SWT is perfect; we are in constant need of Him, whereas He does not need anything from anyone.

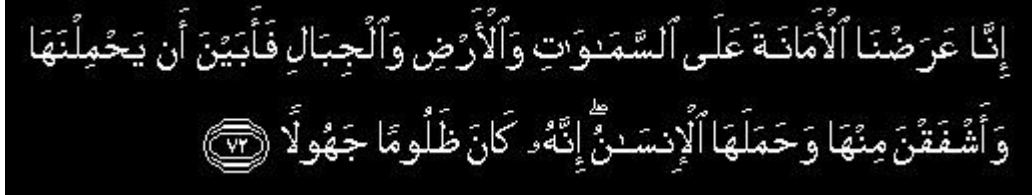
Surah An Nisa, Chapter 4



God wants to lighten your burdens: for man has been created weak. (Verse 28)

4. Anxious & Hasty: Humans are by nature anxious and hasty. Allah SWT tells us in

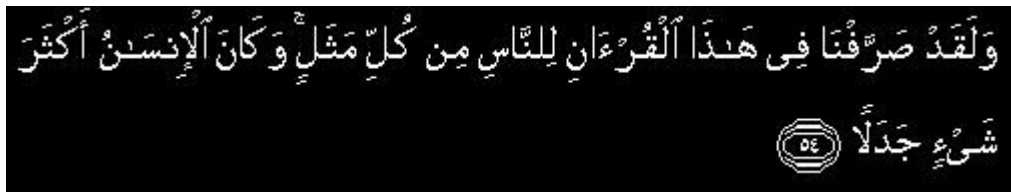
Surah Ma'arij, Chapter 70



Surely man is created of a hasty temperament; being greatly grieved when evil afflicts him (Verse 72)  
Man is wanting in moral strength for endurance, lacking courage and strength of purpose and will, and unduly swayed by grief. He is selfish and he is only concerned with his own advantage to the exclusion of regard for others.

5. Argumentative (Jadl):

Surah Al Kahf, Chapter 18



And certainly We have explained in this Quran every kind of example, and man is most of all given to contention [Verse 54]

Allah SWT has expounded and oriented His revelations in the Quran to circumstances and requirements and has expressed many parables to bring the infidels to their senses but man has always been known to raise captious and frivolous objections about most things and tries to find fault unfairly and without good reason.

## 6. Disputes & Denies:

### Surah An Nahl, Chapter 16

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ فَإِذَا هُوَ خَصِيمٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٤﴾

He has created man from a sperm-drop; and behold this same (man) becomes an open disputer! [Verse 4]

Humans are created with a drop of sperm and yet they are more ready to argue than to obey. They bring forth reasons against Allah with strong, capacious and argumentative minds.

## 7. Hastiness:

### Surah Al Isra, Chapter 17

وَيَدْعُ الْإِنْسَانُ بِالشَّرِّ دُعَاءَهُ بِالْخَيْرِ وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ عَجُولًا ﴿١١﴾

The prayer that man should make for good, he makes for evil; for man is given to hasty (deeds). [Verse 11]

If Allah SWT allowed humans complete autonomy over their affairs, they would ruin themselves because most of them act hastily based on emotions without rational thinking and wisdom. It is a mercy of Allah SWT that He decides our affairs and gives us only what is good for us.

## 8. Stinginess:

### Surah Al Isra, Chapter 100

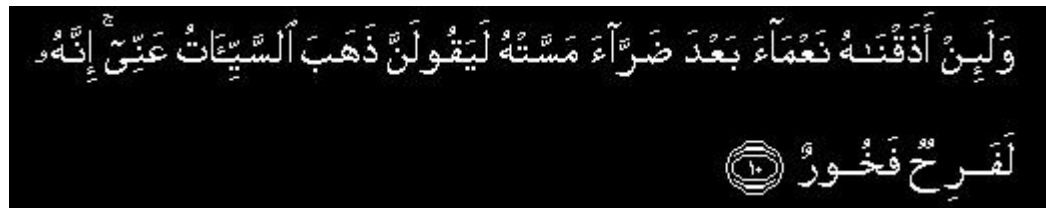
قُلْ لَوْ أَنْتُمْ تَمْلِكُونَ خَزَائِنَ رَحْمَةِ رَبِّي إِذًا لَأَمْسَكْتُمْ خَشْيَةَ الْإِنْفَاقِ  
وَكَانَ الْإِنْسَانُ قَتُورًا ﴿١٠٠﴾

Say: "If you were the ones possessing the vaults of my Lord's mercy, you would have held back for fear of spending. And man was always stingy!" [Verse 100]

#### 9. Fakhr (Pride):

Allah SWT gives us the examples of Qaroon, Hamaan, Nimrud and others from earlier generations who exulted and believed in themselves over Allah SWT because of their materialistic status. Allah SWT tells us of their horrible end and goes on to explain what pride is in the following verse:

Surah Hud, Chapter 11



But if We give him a taste of (Our) favors after adversity has touched him, he is sure to say, "All evil has departed from me:" Behold! he falls into exultation and pride. [Verse 10]

Take example of a man who has been afflicted by some calamity and he cries to Allah SWT to alleviate it from him. Allah SWT listens to his prayers and removes the calamity; but instead of showing gratitude and dedicating himself to his Lord, the person forgets about Allah SWT and goes back to self exultation.

Another form of pride is when a person receives blessing from his Lord, he believes it to be his right and gloats about it. But if Allah trials him, he becomes ungrateful and complains. Allah SWT says in

## Surah Fajr, Chapter 89:

فَأَمَّا الْإِنْسَانُ إِذَا مَا ابْتَلَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَأَكْرَمَهُ وَنَعَّمَهُ فَيَقُولُ رَبِّي أَكْرَمَنِ ﴿١٥﴾  
وَأَمَّا إِذَا مَا ابْتَلَاهُ فَقَدَرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقَهُ فَيَقُولُ رَبِّي أَهْدَنِي ﴿١٦﴾

And as for man, when his Lord tries him, then treats him with honor and makes him lead an easy life, he says: My Lord honors me. But when He tries him (differently), then straitens to him his means of subsistence, he says: My Lord has disgraced me. [Verse 15 & 16]

This shows that a person lacks humbleness and humility to receive the decree of Allah and be content with it. Allah gives whom He wills and takes from whom He wills and a slave has no right to question his Lord as we mentioned earlier in the article.

### 10. Rebellious:

Rebellious against destiny and the decree of Allah in both giving and taking. Allah SWT says in :

## Surah Alaq, Chapter 96

كَلَّا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَكَنَّاظٍ ﴿١﴾

Nay, but verily man is rebellious  
[Verse 6]

## Surah Isra, Chapter 17

وَإِذَا أَنْعَمْنَا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ أَعْرَضَ وَنَأْبِحَانِيهِ ۗ وَإِذَا  
مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ كَانَ يَئُوسًا ﴿٨٣﴾

And when We make life pleasant unto man, he turns away and is averse; and when ill touches him he is in despair.[Verse 83]

11. Ingratitude:

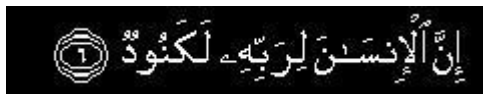
Surah Ibrahim, Chapter 14



And [always] does He give you something out of what you may be asking of Him; and should you try to count God's blessings, you could never compute them. [And yet,] behold, man is indeed most persistent in wrongdoing, stubbornly ingrate! [Verse 34]

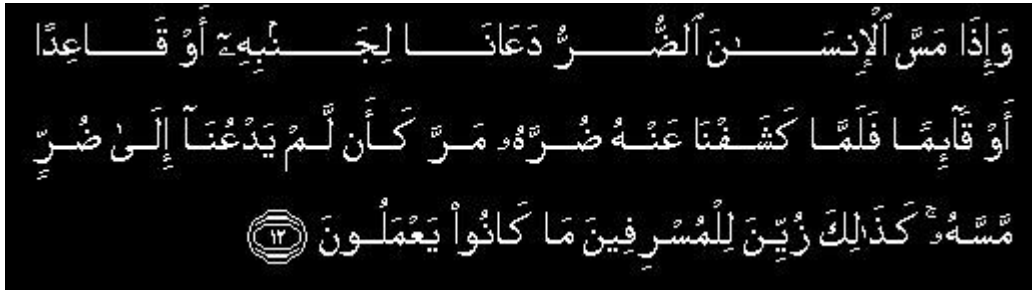
12. Jahood: Denial of truth after bearing witness to it  
All the creation of Allah SWT points towards His existence. The perfect structures of the atom to the perfect harmony of galaxies prove the perfection of their Lord, SWT. But it is only the humble can actually see and recognize this truth whereas the arrogant are veiled from it.

Surah Ibrahim, Chapter 14



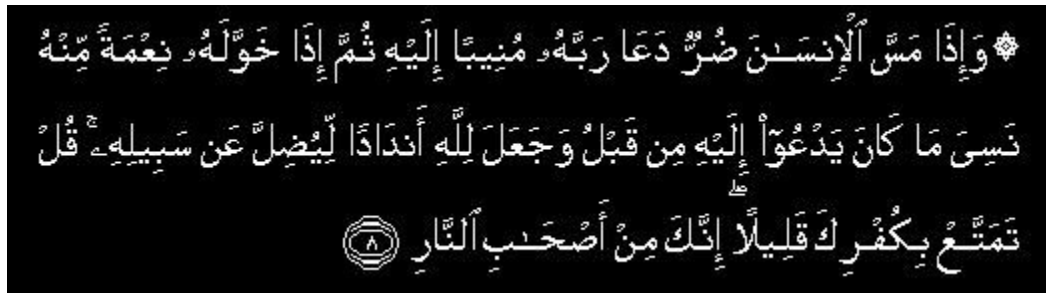
Most surely man is ungrateful to his Lord  
[Verse 6]

## Surah Yunus, Chapter 10



And when affliction touches a man, he calls on Us, whether lying on his side or sitting or standing; but when We remove his affliction from him, he passes on as though he had never called on Us on account of an affliction that touched him; thus that which they do is made fair-seeming to the extravagant. [Verse 12]

## Surah Az Zumar, Chapter 39



And when distress afflicts a man he calls upon his Lord turning to Him frequently; then when He makes him possess a favor from Him, he forgets that for which he called upon Him before, and sets up rivals to Allah that he may cause (men) to stray off from His path. Say: Enjoy yourself in your ungratefulness a little, surely you are of the inmates of the fire. [Verse 8]

### 13. Despair

Allah SWT does not like those who despair from His mercy. He SWT says:

## Surah Al Isra, Chapter 17

وَإِذَا أَنْعَمْنَا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ أَعْرَضَ وَنَجَّابِجَانِيهِ ط وَإِذَا  
مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ كَانَ يَئُوسًا ﴿٨٣﴾

And when We bestow favor on man, he turns aside and behaves proudly, and when evil afflicts him, he is despairing. [Verse 83]

## Surah Al Hijr, Chapter 15

قَالَ وَمَنْ يَعْزُطُ مِنْ رَحْمَةِ رَبِّهِ إِلَّا الضَّالُّونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

He said: And who despairs of the mercy of his Lord but the erring ones? [Verse 56]



All of the above mentioned negative tendencies can be overcome with a strong Iman (faith and belief) in Allah SWT. The stronger the Iman gets and a person becomes closer to Allah, the weaker these qualities become and vice versa.

Allah SWT has promised us in the Qur'an that He has provided cure for all sicknesses and Qur'an is the cure for the illnesses of the soul. But this requires us to elevate Qur'an above the level of recitation and blessing, and start taking it seriously as a message from our Lord who knows the deepest & darkest secrets of our hearts.

Once we reach this level, then the door of receiving knowledge from Allah SWT will open and we will be able to develop qualities that bring the blessings and victory from Allah SWT, the qualities that the companions of the Prophet SAW had reached.



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## **The Fruit Of Knowledge**

Human Beings Can Attain 2 Major Qualities which are the Fruit of Knowledge:

- Poverty to Allah:

It is the realization that without the help of Allah, we are nothing. It is to recognize the fact that Allah is the owner of all qualities; therefore even the weakness in personality is not a weakness when it caused a person to ask Allah for strength. He SWT has the ability to take any weakness and convert it to strength.

Hence, the innate weaknesses such as sins, temptations, desires; or lack of any bounty such as beauty, money, status, or physical ability are in reality qualities because they humble one to reach to Allah SWT and be cured of the weakness and be granted a better ability. Along with a different ability, the person also receives the realization of his weaknesses and strengths in order to have a balanced personality and this allows him/her to be in a state of patience or gratefulness to Allah SWT at any given point.

- The qualities such as guidance, wisdom, beauty, ability, charisma are all gifts from Allah!

Anything That We Lack Requires  
Patience, Struggle, And Du'a To Allah.  
And Anything That We Have  
Is In Reality A Favor Of Allah Upon Us  
For Which We Have To Thank Him.

The fruit of knowledge is to give Allah SWT His just right which is the recognition that He is the One who has granted you all that you have and He is the one who can give you what you are lacking.

Therefore, the submission and surrender is given to the rightful owner and not wasted on incapacitated creation. The weakness is given to us to keep us humbled but Allah SWT has provided antidote for us in the form of His names where we can reach Allah SWT and ask Him to alleviate our sickness or weakness and replace it with His qualities.

For example, if a person is stingy, he can call Allah SWT with His attribute of generosity until this quality becomes part of his personality or is developed enough to overcome his inherent weakness.



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## **Conclusion**

Imam Ghazali RA Once Said  
What Is The Value Of Hearing Something...  
When You Don't Understand The Language?

We Can Make This Question Relevant To Our Topic  
By Rephrasing It...

What Is The Value Of All The Islamic Knowledge;  
Grammar, Tafseer, Hadeeth, Fiqh...  
If We Don't Comprehend The Knowledge Of Allah  
And Don't Get Closer To Him SWT?

What Good Are Our Elaborate Islamic Decorations  
And Beautiful Mosques Are Going To Do...  
If We Don't Have The Message Of Islam In Our Hearts?

Allah SWT Cursed Bani Israel For Their Knowledge  
And Compared Them With Donkeys Carrying Books.  
It Is Not The Quantity That Allah Cares About;  
It Is The Quality.

Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud Said Once Talking To The Taba'een  
(To The Generation After The Companions)  
Indeed Allah's Messenger Said To Us;  
A People Will Recite The Qur'an But It Will Not Pass Beyond  
Their Throats.  
By Allah! I Do Not Know...  
But Perhaps Most Of Them Are From Among You.

If This Is What Abdullah Ibn Mas'ud Thought Of The Taba'een,  
Then What Would He Say About Us?

Imam Ghazali also advised us that the knowledge of any subject is many levels. Just like you cannot talk to a child about a gourmet meal, since he has only known the taste of milk; how can you give high level knowledge of Islam to a person who doesn't even know Allah SWT and the true magnitude of his relationship with his Lord?

This is the whole point of this article: we have lost the message of Islam. We are emotionally and physically asleep and a sleeping or partially awake person is not only vulnerable, he is prone to making wrong decisions and acting in a detrimental way.

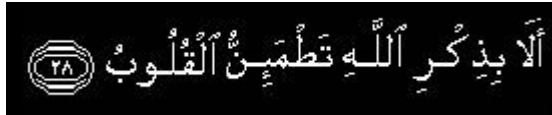
This in Islam is referred as ghafla which is the absence of thinking, heedlessness, weakness of Iman etc. Unless we are fully awake and receptive, even if the guidance comes we will miss it. We can't afford to rest; if we are resting too much, we are prone to get attacked by shayateen and drift further away from Allah SWT. This is also an indication that calamity from Allah is coming to wake us up from our slumber.

Seclusion, Breaking The Nafs, Abstinence From Luxury And...

Remembrance Of Allah!  
Is The Awakening Of Human Heart And Soul!  
Levels of getting closer to Allah

1. The first level of getting closer to Allah is to call Him with absolute belief.
2. The second level is when you start feeling the sweetness of remembrance of Allah and start a relationship with Him SWT.
3. The next level is to nurture this relationship and do everything in your power to try to further extend the relationship.

As we mentioned earlier, our modern lifestyle does not allow us the luxury of remaining focused and calm enough to even think. At a time like this, how badly do we need peace, tranquility, focus, and calmness to really extract the maximum from our lives? This peace and tranquility can only be achieved through the remembrance of Allah SWT.



For without doubt in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction.

[Chapter 13 Al-Ra'd verse 28]

Join Us Again! In this series, we will inshaAllah further explore the importance, benefits, and most of all sweetness of the relationship with Allah by inculcating His remembrance in our lives.

May Allah SWT Allow Us To Truly Attain Tranquility  
And Spread It To The Maximum Of Our Ability!  
Ameen...

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