

أَسْمَاءُ اللَّهِ الْحُسْنَى

Allah's Most Beautiful Names

Allah

The Supreme Name of Majesty,

Exalted be He!

أَفِي اللَّهِ شُكٌّ

Can there be a doubt about Allâh

Part Two!

All praises are due to Allah, who has lit, with His exquisite guidance, the hearts of the people of felicity, and cleansed with His gracious guardianship the souls of the truthful, so He has ordained them to adore Him and endear themselves to Him. Allah, The Almighty, has called them to what His divine care has preordained them to accept, thus they gave in submissively! He is The All-Praiseworthy, The All-Glorious; to Him belong all attributes of divine magnificence, beauty and exaltation! We do extol and praise Him for all the graces and benefits, and we thank Him, admitting that expressing thanks and being grateful to Allah is in itself a great blessing and a divine favour endowed to us by our Lord!


📖 Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said: **Indeed, gaining divine knowledge about Allah's Most Beautiful Names and Most Sublime Attributes augments faith and certitude, and makes one** believe in the Oneness of Allah, and taste the sweetness of servitude. This is the spirit of faith, its origin and purpose. In fact, the contemplation of Allah's Names and Attributes in the holy Quran is the nearest way to this end. Indeed, if Allah, Glorified be His praise and sanctified are His Names, wills to honour His slave and make him gain divine knowledge about Him,

hence attracts his heart to His love, He expands His chest to accept His Most Sublime Attributes, and receive them from the niche of divine revelation. Thus, whenever he comes to know any of them, he grasps and accepts it with all satisfaction and comfort, humiliating himself to his Lord submissively.

So, his heart will be lit with divine light, his chest will be further expanded, and inundated with felicity and adoration. Therefore, his felicity augments, deluging him. He suffices with this divine knowledge, that is strengthened and reinforced; his soul is comforted, and tranquility overwhelms his heart. He roams in the horizons of divine knowledge, delighting his heart and foresight in its meadows and orchards for he believes with certainty that:

- ✚ The honour of a branch of knowledge pertains to the honour of the topic and subject thereof. Indeed, this branch of knowledge is the most honoured and most sublime of all knowledges because it is about Allah, The Most Honoured and Most Exalted Lord. No one is greater or more dignified than our Lord, to Whom belongs all Most Sublime Attribute for It is He, to Whom The Most Beautiful Names and the Most Sublime Epithets are attributed.
- ✚ The honour of this branch of knowledge pertains to the extent of the need for it. Surely, souls need nothing more than acquiring this divine knowledge about their Creator and Originator, loving Him, adoring Him, remembering Him and mentioning His Most Beautiful Names and Supreme Attributes. They need nothing more than to delight themselves in knowing and worshipping Him, seeking the means to draw closer to Him, Exalted be He.
- ✚ **This could not be attained except through knowing Allah's Most Beautiful Names and Most Sublime Attributes. The more the slave knows them, the greater his knowledge about Allah, The Almighty, will be; and the more he strives on this way, the closer he will be to Him. Conversely, the more he is heedless of them, the more he will be ignorant about his Lord, and the more he will be loathed by Him, and will be farther from Him. Indeed, Allah treats the slave just as he treats Him, and puts him in the same rank that that slave sets for Him, Exalted be He!"**

Can there be a doubt about Allâh

 {Can there be a doubt about Allâh}: This statement was said by other messengers to their peoples, when they disputed with them about Allah, the Almighty:

﴿قَالَتْ رُسُلُهُمْ أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَدْعُوكُمْ لِيَغْفِرَ لَكُمْ مِنْ ذُنُوبِكُمْ وَيُؤَخِّرَكُمْ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى﴾
[إبراهيم: 10]

"Their Messengers said: "What! Can there be a doubt about Allâh, the Creator of the heavens and the earth? He calls you (to Monotheism and to be obedient to Allâh) that He may forgive you of your sins and give you respite for a term appointed." They said: "You are no more than human beings like us! You wish to turn us away from what our fathers used to worship. Then bring us a clear authority (i.e. a clear proof of what you say)." (Surat Ibrahim, 10)

📖 Ibn Katheer said: "Allah, Exalted be He, has informed us about the dispute that occurred between the disbelievers and their messengers. When the messengers were confronted with their peoples' disputes about their divine message and call to them to worship none but Allah, and to associate no partners with Him, they said:

﴿أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ﴾

"What! Can there be a doubt about Allâh, the Creator of the heavens and the earth?"

✉ The above-mentioned verse probably has one of these two meanings:
First meaning: Allah's saying: "What! Can there be a doubt about Allâh": the human being's innate inclination and natural disposition bears witness to the Lord's Existence. This human inclination is naturally disposed to admit Allah's Existence, although some people might have some doubts and become skeptic about this, so they need to consider the proofs that help them be guided to the right way and believe in Allah's existence. That is why the messengers tried to guide their people to to know their Lord and gain divine knowledge about Him by saying:

﴿أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ﴾

"What! Can there be a doubt about Allâh, The Creator of the heavens and the earth?"

They said: [It is Allah, The Unprecedented Creator and Incomparable Inventor, Who created and originated the heavens and the earth in a perfectly ordered manner. The manifestations of the origination, creation and subjugation are all manifest. Obviously, they must have a maker, a creator, that is, Allah, none has the right to be worshipped but He, The Creator of all things, their God and Sovereign.

Or it might mean:

Second meaning: Allah's saying: "What! Can there be a doubt about Allâh, The Creator of the heavens and the earth?":

﴿أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ﴾

(Can there be any doubt about Allah's Oneness of Worship?! Is there any doubt that Allah is The Only One worthy of worship and servitude?! Can there be any doubt about this, whilst He is The Creator of all existing things, and none has the right to be worshipped but He?! Almost all nations then admitted that the universe has a maker, a creator, nevertheless they associated with Him idols in worship for they thought that these idols could benefit them or might bring them closer to Allâh.) (Tafsir Ibn Kathir (The Explanation of the Meanings of the Holy Quran)

**O Allah! You are The God of creations,
My Lord and Creator, Exalted be You!
So long as I live, I will remain bearing witness
To this, surely, I will forever be!
Glorified and Highly Exalted be You above what they claim,
Those Who falsely associate another god with You!
Verily, You are Supremely Exalted and
Immensely High and Far Superior above all creations!
Surely, Yours are the creation and divine graces!
You Alone we seek guidance to the straight path, and
You Alone we worship!**

📖 Does Allah's existence need a proof?

⇒ **No evidence or proof is needed for the Existence of Allah and His being the sole Disposer of affairs, and The Only One worthy of worship. Yet, Islamic scholars establish these arguments against people, and a rule that facts pivot on. At the same time, they represent the bases that establish firm faith, and enforce certitude in the believers' hearts.**

☞ There are billions of creatures that exist in a delicately perfect way as per a wondrous system. This is one of the greatest evidences for Allah's Existence and His Disposal of this universe and His entitlement alone to all creations' worship and servitude. Can a human mind imagine the existence of a car without an inventor, or an aircraft without an innovator?! This universe and these creatures are impossible to exist without a Creator. It is amazing, as well, that no one has ever claimed that he had created the heavens, the earth, mankind, the jinn and all other creations!

📖 Sheikh Abd Ar-Rahman Al-Saheem stated in a lecture titled: "Some of The Evidences and Manifestations of Allah's Oneness":

☞ **{Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness in the earth and the heaven are manifest in Allah's saying:**

﴿الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فِرَاشًا وَالسَّمَاءَ بِنَاءً وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ رِزْقًا لَكُمْ فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أَنْدَادًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: 22)

"Who has made the earth a resting place for you, and the sky as a canopy, and sent down water (rain) from the sky and brought forth therewith fruits as a provision for you. Then do not set up rivals unto Allâh (in worship) while you know (that He Alone has the right to be worshipped)." (Surat Al-Baqarah, 22)}

☞ Ibn Katheer, may Allah be pleased with him, said: {This Quranic verse denotes The Oneness of Allah, The Almighty, and that He is The Only One Who exclusively deserves to be worshipped, without ever associating partners with Him. Anyone who contemplates these heavenly and earthly existing things, with their different shapes, colors, characteristics, and their benefits, and how they are perfectly conducted, will realize the Omniscience of their Creator, His Omnipotence, divine wisdom, mastery and greatness of His sovereignty and power.}

☞ {"What! Can there be a doubt about Allâh, The Creator of the heavens and the earth?":

Can there be any doubt about Allah?! When a ship set off far and wide into the fathomless sea, the raging storms were blowing, winds racing and the space was concealed with murky clouds. The sky frowned overhead, the lightning flashed, the thunder rumbled as depths of darkness augmented. The waves tossed the ship, and the hearts reached throats as the passengers were about to drown. Death was awaiting the passengers when their hearts prostrated, and voices roared: {O Allah! O Allah!} Hence, Allah's graceful kindness inundated them, and torrents of His divine aid deluged them. Mercies descended on them, and His bounties were amplified and shone in the murky darkness. Thus, all fears were eliminated, perils were removed. Can there be any doubt about Allah?!}

☞ **Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness in the earth and the heaven are manifest in your blood cells and heartbeats.** In fact, your heart beats a day: one hundred thousand beats. As for your body, there are factories in your body: a factory of red blood cells, another for white blood cells, a third one for cells production, a fourth one to generate saliva, and a fifth factory for filtering blood. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿وَفِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ﴾ (سورة الذاريات: 21)

"And also in your ownelves. Will you not then see?" (Surat Adh-Daryyat, 21)

☞ **Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in the fetus creation.** Allah, The Almighty, has created from the drop of semen a sighting eye and a conscious ear. All the physicians of the world manufactured a machine to convey the sound and clarify the image. Yet, they will never be able to create a single cell, no matter how much knowledge they have. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَنْ يَخْلُقُوا ذُبَابًا وَلَوْ اجْتَمَعُوا لَهُمْ وَإِنْ يَسْتَنْبِهُمُ الذُّبَابُ شَيْئًا لَا يَسْتَنْقِذُوهُ مِنْهُ ضَعُفَ الطَّالِبُ وَالْمَطْلُوبُ﴾ (سورة الحج: 73)

"Verily, those on whom you call besides Allâh, cannot create (even) a fly, even though they combine together for the purpose. And if the fly snatches away a thing from them, they will have no power to release it from the fly. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought." (Surat Al-Hajj, 73)

✉ (If a pregnant woman has obstructed labour, and suffers from many complications, she realizes that she is about to perish. She resorts to The Lord Who relieves afflictions, and disposes of affairs, calling upon Him: "O Allah! O Allah!" Hence, her weak invocation is answered, her agony is eliminated, and she finally delivers her baby, by Allâh's Permission.

﴿أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ﴾

"What! Can there be a doubt about Allâh, The Creator of the heavens and the earth?"

☞ **Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in life and death:** Qis bin Sa`ida said in one of his poems:

Centuries ago, in our early predecessors,
We have insights and proofs,
That people die all of a sudden, without any cause!
I saw my people towards death advancing,
Thus, I am convinced that
There is no way out;
I shall definitely have the same fate,
And will inevitably advance thereto!

☞ **Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in the ant. It gathers and stores grains; then breaks them lest they sprout. So, who, we wonder, has inspired it to do so?**

📖 Ibn Al-Qayyim said: "The insight and common sense of an ant is really amazing and wondrous. If it carries the grains to their nests, it breaks them lest they grow and sprout. If these grains would grow into two splits, then it breaks them into four. If dew or wetness falls on them, it fears for them to get rotten, so, it brings them forth to the sun and then takes them back to its nests. Due to the ant's discernment and acumen, it establishes its village only underground, for fear of deluges and torrents that might overflow and drown them."

☞ *Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in the bee, as it eats from trees and makes honey. Who, we wonder, has endowed it with that factory of honey?!*

﴿وَأَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ أَنِ اتَّخِذِي مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الشَّجَرِ وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ (68) ثُمَّ كُلِي مِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ فَاسْلُكِي سُبُلَ رَبِّكِ ذُلُلًا ۚ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بُطُونِهَا شَرَابٌ مُّخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ فِيهِ شِفَاءٌ لِّلنَّاسِ ۗ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ﴾ (سورة النحل: 69)

"And your Lord inspired the bees, saying: "Take you habitations in the mountains and in the trees and in what they erect. "Then, eat of all fruits, and follow the ways of your Lord made easy (for you)." There comes forth from their bellies, a drink of varying colour wherein is healing for men. Verily, in this is indeed a sign for people who think." (Surat An-Nahl, 68-69)

☞ *Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in the sheep and cow: Allah, The Almighty, says:*

﴿وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ فِي الْأَنْعَامِ لَعِبْرَةً ۚ نُسَقِيكُمْ مِمَّا فِي بُطُونِهِ مِن بَيْنِ فَرْثٍ وَدَمٍ لَّبَنًا خَالِصًا سَائِغًا لِّلشَّارِبِينَ﴾ (سورة النحل: 66)

"And verily! In the cattle, there is a lesson for you. We give you to drink of that which is in their bellies, from between excretions and blood, pure milk; palatable to the drinkers." (Surat An-Nahl, 66)

Rather, the liquid of palatable pure milk erupts from between blood and excretions!
Who, we wonder, has purified your milk?

📖 Ibn al-Qayyim said: "Contemplate the divine lesson that Allah, The Almighty, has mentioned about the cattle, and that He has enabled us to drink of that which is in their stomachs of palatable, pleasant and pure milk, that comes forth from between excretions and blood."

☞ **Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in the hen and the egg: Allah, Exalted be He, says:**

﴿يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَيُحْيِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۚ وَكَذَلِكَ تُخْرَجُونَ﴾ (سورة الروم: 19)

"He brings out the living from the dead, and brings out the dead from the living. And He revives the earth after its death. And thus shall you be brought out (resurrected)" (Surat Ar-Rum, 19)

☞ **Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in the air, which is the gentlest and most delicate thing, that you inhale. If its speed increases, it becomes a fierce wind, that destroys everything, by the command of its Lord!**

☞ **Some of the evidences and manifestations of Allah's Oneness are manifest in the rising of the daybreak light that eclipses lamps! When the morning breaks, candles are turned off!**

⇒ **{Allâh is the Light of the heavens and the earth}**. His light inundates the universe, so His light suffices creations, making them put off all lights. If all people on the earth gather and try to light the universe as the rising sun does every morning, they won't be able to! It is Allah, The Almighty, alone, Who possesses all-perfect might and power; Glorified be He, all praises are due to Him!

☞ Ask those disbelievers who negate Allah's epithets and attributes: who has disposed all affairs in this perfect measure and has determined everything an exact precise determination, mastering His work and making, doing what He wills, in the subtlest, most courteous way, except The Most Subtle, The All-Aware Lord.

☞ Ibn al-Qayyim said: "The night and the day, the good and the evil, the light and the heavy, the sweet and the bitter, the cold, the pain and the pleasure; life and death, disease and medicine: the creation of these opposites denote manifestly the dazzling wisdom, the subduing and vanquishing power, the predominant and prevailing will, and the complete and perfect sovereignty."

☞ One of the scholars was asked: "Why couldn't we say that this world came to existence by chance?" The scholar had a blackboard in front of him with words written on it, so he said to the person who asked him: "Look at this blackboard! What if someone claims that no one wrote these words, and that they came to

appear on this blackboard by chance as the wind carried dust particles, and came through the room windows, and dropped them on the blackboard, so these words appeared in such a comprehensible manner? Could a sane person believe this?" The questioner said: "No!" Then the scholar said: "Thus, how can a sane person believe that this great universe was created without a Creator?!"

Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿أَمْ خُلِقُوا مِنْ غَيْرِ شَيْءٍ أَمْ هُمْ الْخَالِقُونَ﴾ [الطور: 35]

"Were they created by nothing? Or were they themselves the creators?" (Surat At-Tur, 35)

When Jubair bin Mu'tam heard the Prophet, Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, reciting the afore-mentioned verse during the sunset prayer, he said: "My heart was about to fly!" [Al-Bukhari and Muslim both *agreed on* this narration]. Jubair was a polytheist then, yet he grasped the power of the argument in this Quranic verse.

☰ One day, a heretic man asked Imam Ash-Shafi'i: "What proves the existence of Allah?" Ash-Shafi'i said: "The leaves of berries!" The man said: "How?" Ash-Shafi'i said: "Don't they all have the same color and smell?"

The heretic man said: "Yes!" So, Imam Ash-Shafi'i said: "The silkworm eats a berry leaf, then produces fine silk; and the bee eats it, then produces pure honey, and the antelope eats it, so it brings forth fragrant musk, and the animals eat it, and it gives off stinking water."

Who, we wonder, created these factories in those animals?!

﴿فَبُهِتَ الَّذِي كَفَرَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: 258)

So the disbeliever was utterly defeated." (Surat Al-Baqarah, 258)

☰ The famous late Arab poet Abu Nawas wrote some poetic lines describing the daffodil flower, taking it as a proof of Allah's Oneness:

Contemplate the vegetations and plants, and look at
The effects of the divine making of our Lord, The Sovereign!
Eyes made of silver, staring,
With pupils like gold alloy,
On bars of Topaz, bearing witness to the fact,
That Allah, Exalted be He, has no partner!

☞ This means that the daffodil flower, with its round white leaves and golden balls in its middle, resembles eyes of gold surrounded with a frame of silver, on green stems like topaz.

☞ *"A Bedouin was asked: "How did you come to know that your Lord exists?" He replied: "The camel dung indicates the existence of a camel; and footprints left behind indicate that a person passed by and was walking or running. Thus, how come the sky, with its constellations, and the seas with its waves, do not indicate and prove the existence of Allah, Al-Latif (The Most Subtle and Courteous), The Well-Acquainted with all things?!" [Ma'arij al-Qabool by Shaykh Haafid al-Hakamee]*

☞ One of the greatest arguments said by Moses, Allah's peace be upon him, was his answer and response to Pharaoh's recklessness and arrogance when he asked him as related in the Holy Quran:

﴿قَالَ فَمَنْ رَبُّكُمَا يَا مُوسَى قَالَ رَبُّنَا الَّذِي أَعْطَى كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلْقَهُ ثُمَّ هَدَى﴾ [طه: 49 - 50]

"Fir'aun (Pharaoh) said: "Who then, O Mûsâ (Moses), is the Lord of you two?" (Surat Ya-Ha, 49)

So, Moses answered him by saying, as the Holy Quran says:

"Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "Our Lord is He Who gave to each thing its form and nature, then guided it aright." (Surat Ta-Ha, 50)

The stubborn dissipated ruler was baffled and perplexed when he heard that sound answer, as no human being, regardless of his insolence and haughtiness, had ever claimed that he had taken part with Allah in creation and guidance.

Allah, The Almighty, has miracles in the horizons,
Possibly the slightest of which is that by which
He has guided you to the straight path;
Perhaps you agree that His divine miraculous signs
In man's soul are most wondrous,
Only if you have insight and eyes!
Indeed, the universe is replete with mysteries,
If but your eyes try to decipher them.
Ask any physician who has been overtaken by the hand of death:
"Who, O doctor, has caused you to die,
with his medicine?!"

Ask the patient who has been cured and survived,
After all medications failed to relieve him,
"Who has cured you?!"
Then tell the healthy person, who dies,
For no apparent cause:
"Who has afflicted you with death?"
Ask the sage sighting person,
who tried to avoid that abysmal pit,
Then fell therein,
"Who, we wonder, has made you fall?!"
Say to the fetus who lives isolated
In its mother's womb,
Without having anyone taking care thereof:
"Who has been nurturing you?!"
Tell the newborn baby, crying at birth,
With its first breath,
"What has made you cry?"
If you see that the snake spews its poison, ask it:
"Who has foisted poison into you?!"

☞ The magnificence of Allah's creation and the marvelously magnificent making is one of the greatest evidences for His existence, divinity and a proof that none deserves worship but Him, Exalted be He.

☞ We have the Word of Allah, Exalted be He, in our hands; we can read it, contemplate it, and understand it. This is one of the greatest evidences for the existence of The Lord Who revealed His Word, His glorification, and His entitlement to worship. It is impossible to have the word of Allah, without having a Revealer. Know for sure that no human being was able to *produce the like of the holy Quran or ten Surahs (chapters) of the like thereof or even produce a Sûrah (chapter) of the like thereof*. The challenge and the miracle still exist. The Arabs were the most eloquent of all nations, and despite their enmity to Islam, they were unable to be up to the divine challenge (that is, produce but *a Sûrah (chapter) of the like thereof*). Of course, other nations that are less eloquent will be unable as well to make it.

﴿وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِثْلِهِ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ﴾
[البقرة: 23]

"And if you (Arab pagans, Jews, and Christians) are in doubt concerning that which We have sent down (i.e. the Qur'ân) to Our slave (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), then produce a Sûrah (chapter) of the like thereof and call your witnesses (supporters and helpers) besides Allâh, if you are truthful." (Surat Al-Baqarah, 23)

How come a created human being produce the like of the Word of The Creator, Glorified be He?!

✉ The scholars contemplated the holy Quran and found out that it is miraculous in all aspects, in its wording, composition, and meanings. Rather, the Holy Qur'an has proven things that human beings have only known in the modern age. In fact, the treasures of the Qur'an will remain rich and replete with divine secrets and riches that surpass all human capabilities in every age and land.

Here are few examples of this:

☰ Modern sciences have proved that when someone gets up to high altitudes, where there is less oxygen to breathe, he suffers from suffocation and shortness of breath. This is mentioned in the Holy Quran that descended on Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) many centuries ago, as Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿فَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَهْدِيَهُ يَشْرَحْ صَدْرَهُ لِلْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يُضِلَّهُ يَجْعَلْ صَدْرَهُ ضَيِّقًا حَرَجًا كَأْتَمَا يصَعْدُ فِي السَّمَاءِ﴾ [الأنعام: 125]

"And whomsoever Allâh wills to guide, He opens his breast to Islâm; and whomsoever He wills to send astray, He makes his breast closed and constricted, as if he is climbing up to the sky." (Surat Al-An`am, 125)

Of course, the Holy Quran had mentioned this fact many centuries before the scientist who discovered this theory, even before his grandfathers and forefathers were born!

☰ Oceanographers, owing to the scientific developments in the modern age, proved that there is a water barrier between two seas, separating each one from the other. They call this water barrier "a front" compared to the front between two armies, and it differs in density from the water of those two seas. Surprisingly, this scientific fact is mentioned in the Holy Quran. Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَا يَبْغِيَانِ﴾ [الرحمن: 19 - 20]

"He has let loose the two seas (the salt and fresh water) meeting together.

Between them is a barrier which none of them can transgress." (Surat Ar-Rahman, 19-20)

﴿أَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا أَنْهَارًا وَجَعَلَ لَهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ حَاجِزًا أَلَيْهَ مَعِ اللَّهُ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ [النمل: 61]

"Is not He (better than your gods) Who has made the earth as a fixed abode, and has placed rivers in its midst, and has placed firm mountains therein, and has set a barrier between the two seas (of salt and sweet water)? Is there any ilâh (god) with Allâh? Nay, but most of them know not!" (Surat An-Naml, 61)

☞ Modern science has proved that the sensory system of the human body lies in the skin only, and that when the person's skin is burned, the sensation extremely diminishes or is lost completely. Allah, Exalted be He, has said in the Holy Quran that the skins of the disbelievers and sinners will be changed for other skins in the hellfire when their skins are roasted through so that their torment and suffering continue. Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِنَا سَوْفَ نُصَلِّيهِمْ نَارًا كُلَّمَا نَضِجَتْ جُلُودُهُمْ بَدَّلْنَاهُمْ جُلُودًا غَيْرَهَا لِيَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ﴾ [النساء: 56]

"Surely! Those who disbelieved in Our Ayât (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), We shall burn them in Fire. As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for other skins that they may taste the punishment. Truly, Allâh is Ever Most Powerful, All-Wise." (Surat An-Nisa`, 56)

☞ ["Naturalists said: [Until 9th century, it was thought that the ant is an insect, unable to talk, and that it interacted with other ants through gestures or signals. Yet, after the appearance of ultrasound recording devices that could record sounds that the human ear could not hear, it was discovered that the ants utter, talk, debate, argue, pause and think!] In fact, this is an amazing wonderful discovery, but the most amazing and wonderful thing is that the Holy Quran has informed us of this as Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿وَحَشِيرَ لِسُلَيْمَانَ جُنُودَهُ مِنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنْسِ وَالطَّيْرِ فَهُمْ يُوزَعُونَ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَتَوْا عَلَىٰ وَادِ النَّمْلِ قَالَتْ نَمْلَةٌ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّمْلُ ادْخُلُوا مَسَاكِنَكُمْ لَا يَحْطِمَنَّكُمْ سُلَيْمَانُ وَجُنُودُهُ وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ﴾ [النمل: 17 - 18]

"And there were gathered before Sulaimân (Solomon) his hosts of jinn and men, and birds, and they all were set in battle order (marching forward). Till, when they came to the valley of the ants, one of the ants said: "O ants! Enter your dwellings, lest Sulaimân (Solomon) and his hosts should crush you, while they perceive not.""
(Surat An-Naml, 17-18)

This requires us to raise a question: Did Prophet Muhammad, Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, have ultrasound devices that let him know that ants talk?!" (Sayed Atwa's Book, "Knowing Allah, The Almighty" (slightly edited)).

✉ The Word of Allah, The Almighty, is not only a clear proof of His Existence, and a manifest evidence of His entitlement to His creations' worship and servitude, but it is also a clear path that leads us to know Him, Exalted be He, and acquire true divine knowledge about Him.

📖 Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah bless his soul, said: "Some people know their Lord through His generosity, graces, favors and benevolence, His pardon, forbearing and forgiveness, His punishment and revenge. There is a group of people who come to know Allah, The Almighty, through divine knowledge and wisdom, or through glory and pride, others realize the existence of their Lord through His mercy, kindness and subtlety, or through His vanquishing power and sovereignty. Some persons know Allah by having their supplications answered, his affliction relieved and needs fulfilled. One of my acquaintance came to know Him through His divine word. He has gained knowledge about his Lord, to Whom belong all attributes of perfection and epithets of majesty, his Lord Who is High above any example, for nothing whatsoever like unto Him, Who is All-perfect, and free from any faults or defects. All beautiful Names are His, and all sublime epithets are attributed to Him. He is The Doer of whatsoever He intends (or wills), far superior than everyone and everything. Allah is All-Powerful over everything, The Most Merciful of all the merciful, The Most Powerful of all the powerful, and The Wisest of Judges." **[Al-Fawaid: A Collection of the Wise Sayings]**

✉ The entire Holy Qur'an is the Word of Allah, Glorified be He, with which He addresses the man and the woman, the boy and the child, the atomics scientist, the astronaut, the forest dweller, the desert dweller, the village man, and the city man. Everyone takes from the Holy Quran what helps him know his lord, The Almighty. How great it is to come to know Allah, through His Word, that addresses the inmost depths of the human Fitrah (the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in 'all' people, that is the natural disposition of every person to *believe* in the absolute *Oneness* of Allah] with a story and a similitude, with sayings that arouse interest and fear, a promise and a warning, a sign and a lesson.

☰ **One of the manifestations and evidences of Allah's Oneness, His divine disposal of the affairs of this universe and His entitlement to His creations' worship is manifest in the human "*Fitrah*" (the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in**

‘all’ people, that is the natural disposition of every person to *believe* in the absolute *Oneness* of Allah):

⇒ The human fitrah: means that Allah, The Almighty, created every person predisposed to accept the truth, willing and ready to act upon it. Thus, if there has been no intervention between that person and his Lord, if there had been no barriers between him and the truth, he would have not turned except to Him. If occurrences had not happened and obstacles had not hindered him, he would have accepted nothing but the truth, he would have uttered nothing but the truth, and he would not have acknowledged but the truth. That’s why this “fitrah” was likened to milk. Just as a newborn baby sucks its mother’s breast immediately after its birth, the same applies to the human being. If any human being is not directed to evil and falsehood will spontaneously be inclined to virtues and righteousness.

⇒ ***"Fitrah" is the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in all’ people, that is Allâh’s Monotheism [i.e. the belief in the absolute Oneness of Allah] with which He has created mankind. It is faith, that is, acquiring divine knowledge about Allah, Exalted be He, who says:***

﴿فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ [الروم: 30]

"So, set you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) your face towards the religion (of pure Islâmic Monotheism) Hanîf (worship none but Allâh Alone). Allâh’s Fitrah (i.e. Allâh’s Islâmic Monotheism) with which He has created mankind. No change let there be in Khalq-illâh (i.e. the religion of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism): that is the straight religion, but most of men know not." (Surat Ar-Rum, 30)

وقال صلى الله عليه وسلم: (كلُّ مولودٍ يُولدُ على الفطرة، فأبواه يهودانه، أو يُنصرانه، أو يُمجسانه) [متفق عليه]

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "Every child is born upon Fitrah (the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in ‘all’ people, that is Allâh’s Monotheism, i.e. the belief in the absolute Oneness of Allah, The Almighty) but his parents Judaize or Christianize or Majūsize (make him Majūs, i.e. fire-worshipper) him." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim both agreed on this narration].

Notice that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) did not say: "Islamize (that is, make a Muslim)" because Islam is the way of Allah which Allah has instilled in him and every person.

وقال صلى الله عليه وسلم: (قال الله تعالى: إني خلقت عبادي حُنَفَاءَ كُلِّهِمْ، وإِنَّمَا أَتَاهُمُ الشَّيَاطِينُ فَاجْتَاوَتْهُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِمْ، وَحَرَّمْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ مَا أَحَلَلْتُ لَهُمْ، وَأَمَرْتُهُمْ أَنْ يُشْرِكُوا بِي مَا لَمْ أَنْزِلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانًا) رواه مسلم

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: *{Allah, The Almighty, said: "I have created all My slaves, turning away from all that is false, (worshipping none but Me Alone), but devils came to them and made them turn away from their (upright) religion and made unlawful what I have made lawful for them and commanded them to associate partners with Me that for which I have not sent down any authority."}* [Narrated by Muslim]

☞ This is the *pure Fitrah (the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in all people, that is Allâh's Monotheism): believing in the absolute Oneness of Allah, The Almighty, The Lord of all beings, and admitting servitude to Him.*

⇒ "Hunafa" meaning: it was said that it means Muslims, and some scholars said: upright, turning to their Lord to accept divine guidance. It was also said: it refers to the covenant Allah had taken.

When Allah created Adam, He took a covenant from him then He extracted from him all of his descendants who would be born until the end of the world, generation after generation, and spread them out in front of Him in order to take a covenant from them also. Allah, The Almighty, asked them:

﴿أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ﴾ [الأعراف: 172]

"Am I not your Lord?" (Surat Al-A`raf, 172)

☒ "On the day of the Conquest of Mecca, Ikrimah bin Abu Jahl fled by the sea. A stormy tempest hit his ship, so the owners of the ship said: "Be sincere, for your gods will not benefit you here!" Thus, Ikrimah said: "By Allah, if but sincerity will deliver me from this turmoil in the sea, then nothing else will deliver me on land. O Allah! You have a pledge on me, if you save from this affliction, I will head for Muhammad until I put my hand in his hand, and, surely, I will find him generous and pardoning!" Then he came to him (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) and embraced Islam." [Narrated by Abu Dawud and An-Nisa`yy, and was authenticated by Al-Albani as hasan (authentic)]

Indeed, atheism befools minds, behaves arrogantly toward the divine truth and a distortion of "Fitrah" [the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in all people, that is, the belief in the absolute Oneness of Allah] with which He has created mankind.

📖 **Ibn Al-Qayyim said: "Glorified be Allah, Whose all-perfect wisdom dazzled minds and hearts, and whose slaves' natural dispositions and minds bore witness that He is The Wisest and Best of judges, and the Lord of the 'Ālamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists); none has the right to be worshipped but He. Allah is The One and The Only Lord for all the universe, its Creator, Owner, Organizer, Provider, Master, Planner, Sustainer, Cherisher, and Giver of security.**

📖 **There is a wonderful story on this topic of "Fitrah": it was reported that a teacher asked his students in the sixth grade: "Do you see me?" They said: "Yes!" The teacher said, "Therefore, I am existing." Then he asked them: "Do you see the blackboard?" They said: "Yes." He said: "So, the blackboard is existing." He said: "Do you see this table?" They said: "Yes." He said: "So, the table is existing." He said: "Do you see Allah?" They said: "No!" He said: "Therefore, Allah does not exist!" Then a smart student rose up and asked other students: "Do you see the teacher's mind?" They said: "No!" So, he said: "Therefore, the teacher's mind does not exist!" So, the disbeliever was dumbstruck and confounded, and Allah guides not the wrong-doers. In fact, it is *the smart student's Fitrah (the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in all` people, that is, the belief in the absolute Oneness of Allah)* that uttered this sound argument.**

✉ **The existence of Allah, The Almighty, and His entitlement to His creations' worship and servitude, and His disposal of this universe are more manifest than every truth, clearer than every proof, and more obvious than every evidence. Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on his soul, said: "I heard Sheikh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah say: How come someone seeks an evidence for the Existence of Allah, Who is, in Himself, an evidence for every existing thing." He used to repeat these poetic lines:**

**Nothing could be deemed true,
If mentalities need an evidence for daybreak!
How strange it is! How come our God be disobeyed,
Rather how could a disbeliever deny His Existence?
Indeed, in everything there is a divine sign that denotes
And proves that Allah is The One and Only Lord!**

📖 **Ibn al-Qayyim said: "Know for sure that Allah has proven His existence with His signs, for He is the Supreme Evidence to His slaves, in reality, in the manifestations and signs He has established for them. Indeed, Allah has instilled in the fitrah (*the natural Way of Allah which He has instilled in all` people, that is, the belief in the***

absolute Oneness of Allah) that has not been marred by denial or denouncement: the natural disposition to believe that to Him, Glorified be He, all most perfect and beautiful Names and most sublime attributes belong, and that to Him all-perfection is attributed, for He is free from and High above every defect and flaw. Indeed, to Him belong all perfection, beauty, majesty, splendor, pride, greatness and might: for they are all prerequisite epithets of Him. It is impossible to imagine that He could be otherwise, for He possesses all life, all perfect knowledge, omnipotence and power, all-perfect hearing and seeing and divine determination and will, mercy and riches, generosity, benevolence and goodness. They are all His. All perfections that belong to Allah and that His creations could not grasp or are not aware of are greater and far superior than what they came to know of them, or rather what they did not know." [Madarij al Salikeen]

✉ **Allah's Due Right: How could we worship our Lord with His Supreme Name of Majesty {Allah}:**

1- By calling upon Him, The Almighty, by This Name {Allah}:

We have previously mentioned that The Supreme Name of Majesty {Allah} is the Greatest Name of God, that if He is asked by, He responds, and if He is called upon by, He answers, provided that the conditions of supplication answering are fulfilled. There are certain things that hinder the answering of the slave's invocation: such as earning ill-gotten gains, expediting the invocation answering, not being concentrating during supplication, and abidance by the commands and teachings of Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him): Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿فَادْعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾ (سورة غافر: ٤٤)

"So, call you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the believers) upon (or invoke) Allâh making (your) worship pure for Him (Alone) (by worshipping none but Him and by doing religious deeds sincerely for Allâh's sake only and not to show off and not to set up rivals with Him in worship), however much the disbelievers (in the Oneness of Allâh) may hate (it)." (Surat Ghafir, 14)

﴿قُلْ ادْعُوا اللَّهَ أَوْ ادْعُوا الرَّحْمٰنَ أَيًّا مَا تَدْعُوا فَلَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا بِصَلَاتِكُمْ وَلَا تَخَافُوا بِهَا وَابْتَغِ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ سَبِيلًا﴾ (سورة الإسراء: ١١٠)

"Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "Invoke Allâh or invoke the Most Gracious (Allâh), by whatever name you invoke Him (it is the same), for to Him belong the

Best Names. And offer your Salât (prayer) neither aloud nor in a low voice, but follow a way between." (Surat Al-Isra', 110)

✉ When you call upon your Lord, Exalted be He, no one else can hear the supplication. No one responds to the distressed one or remove the distress that was on except Allah, The Almighty!

﴿وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٨٦)

"And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor). So, let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright." (Surat Al-Baqarah, 186)

⇒ Know for sure that one of the deadly major sins is to head to the mosques that have graves of the so-called awliya' (Muslim saints or beloved friends of Allah) and invoke these dead people, seeking the help of those dead buried persons, asking them to relieve their distresses. This is not only a deadly major sin, but rather it is considered association of partners with Allah, Exalted be He. Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّن يَدْعُو مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ مَن لَّا يَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَهُمْ عَن دُعَائِهِمْ غَافِلُونَ وَإِذَا حُشِرَ النَّاسُ كَانُوا لَهُمْ أَعْدَاءً وَكَانُوا بِعِبَادَتِهِمْ كَافِرِينَ﴾ [الأحقاف: 5-6]

"And who is more astray than one who calls on (invokes) besides Allâh, such as will not answer him till the Day of Resurrection, and who are (even) unaware of their calls (invocations) to them? And when mankind are gathered (on the Day of Resurrection), they (false deities) will become their enemies and will deny their worshipping." (Surat Al-Ahqaf, 5-6)

﴿وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِهِ مَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِن قِطْمِيرٍ إِن تَدْعُوهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُوا دُعَاءَكُمْ وَلَوْ سَمِعُوا مَا اسْتَجَابُوا لَكُمْ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكْفُرُونَ بَشِرِكُمْ وَلَا يُنَبِّئُكَ مِثْلُ خَبِيرٍ﴾ [فاطر: 13 - 14]

"And those, whom you invoke or call upon instead of Him, own not even a Qitmîr (the thin membrane over the date-stone). If you invoke (or call upon) them, they hear not your call; and if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it (your request) to you. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them. And none can inform you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) like Him Who is the All-Knower (of everything)." (Surat Fatir, 13-14)

2- By Exalting and Sanctifying This Name of Majesty: to sanctify and revere This Most Beautiful Name, without ever exposing it to insult or abuse. Someone said that whenever he entered one of the government departments and found in every office a paper basket written thereon (designated for The Supreme Name of Majesty) for the disposal of the papers containing Allah's names and papers from the copies of the Holy Qur'an, etc. Then these papers would be collected and burned in an appropriate manner. O Allah make us among those who extol and glorify You as You should be extolled and glorified!

3- By Estimating Allâh with an Estimation Due to Him:

How could the believer estimate Allâh with an estimation due to Him?

- ✓ By obeying Him, without ever disobeying Him; by remembering Him, without ever forgetting Him, by being grateful and thankful to Him without ever being ungrateful to Him!
- ✓ By adoring and loving Allah immensely, and having His adoration inundate his soul and heart!

The believer can estimate Allâh with an estimation due to Him:

- ✓ **By committing all his affairs to Him**, and putting his trust in Him; by being satisfied with His judgment, submitting to His decree, subjugated to His commands.
- ✓ **By seeking none but Him, The Almighty, and devoting his deeds sincerely to Him.**
- ✓ **By accepting Him as your Guardian and Protector, Lord and God, Best Judge, The Ever-Reckoner, All-Witness over all things.** Indeed, this should be the case, for to Him, Exalted be He, belong all magnificent attributes, and all most beautiful names. Surely, we are all inundated with His graces and bounties!

4- By Duly Remembering Allah by This Supreme Name of Majesty {Allah}:

After the slave has known his Lord, God, Glorified be He, he should duly remember Him, The Almighty, and this should be as per Allah's command as Allah says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا﴾ [الأحزاب: 41 - 42]

"O you who believe! Remember Allâh with much remembrance. And glorify His Praises morning and afternoon [the early morning (Fajr) and 'Asr prayers]." (Surat Al-Ahzab, 41-41)

﴿وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾ [الأنفال: 45]

"O you who believe! When you meet (an enemy) force, take a firm stand against them and remember the Name of Allâh much (both with tongue and mind), so that you may be successful." (Surat Al-Anfal, 45)

﴿وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا﴾ [الأحزاب: 35]

"and the men and the women who remember Allâh much with their hearts and tongues Allâh has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise)." (Surat Al-Ahzab, 35)

قال صلى الله عليه وسلم: ((مَثَلُ الَّذِي يَذْكُرُ رَبَّهُ وَالَّذِي لَا يَذْكُرُ رَبَّهُ، مَثَلُ الْحَيِّ وَالْمَيِّتِ)) [صحيح البخاري].

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "The similitude of the one who remembers his Lord, engaging much in His praise and the one who does not remember Him, is like that of a living and a dead person."

☒ The real pleasant life is the spiritual life of hearts that is revived by remembering our Lord, The Knower of the Unseen, engaging much in His praise; and real death is the death of hearts that are heedless of Him, The Knower of the unseen. This is because man is made up of body and spirit; the body sprouted from the earth, so its nourishment is brought forth from the earth: food, drink, abode, etc. As for the spirit, it is originated from the heaven, so its divine nourishment is from the heaven, that is, the remembrance of Allah, his obedience to Him, his love for Him and gaining divine knowledge about Him. Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ﴾ [الرعد: 28]

"Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism), and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allâh: verily, in the remembrance of Allâh do hearts find rest." (Surat Ar-Ra`d, 28)

☒ Hearts feel composed and find comfort in the remembrance of Allah. In engaging in Allah's praises, the slave's soul rests, the heart is reassured, and the mind is calmed down. By remembering Allah, the afflictions are thwarted, distresses are eliminated and calamities are eased.

No deed could relieve the believer's heart more than remembering Allah and celebrating His praise. It is one of the deeds that is greatest in reward.

Moreover, it is the rescue and salvation of the soul and its relief from its burdens, troubles, worries and sorrows; it is even the shortest way that leads to every victory and success. So, let everyone who is suffering from sleeplessness, and weeping of pain, let those who are worn out by problems and feel handicapped in life, know that the more that a person remembers his Lord, the calmer his heart will be, and the happier he will be. Eventually, he will have mental peace and will feel guiltless.

Whenever we fall sick,

We get cured by remembering You,

Yet, if we sometimes abandon Your remembrance,

We have a relapse!

قال الله تعالى في الحديث القدسي: " أنا مع عبدي ما ذكرني وتحركت بي شفّته " [صحيح ابن حبان].

It was reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Allah, The Almighty, says, 'I am with My slave when he remembers Me (engaging in my praise) and his lips move saying My Name.'" [Narrated in Sahih Ibn Habban]

✉ How gracious and blissful it is to be in the company of Allah, having Him enrich your poverty, heal your shattered soul, and raise your rank. Thus, let those who are in the company of Allah, know that they lost nothing; and let those who have missed the company of Allah, know that they gained nothing!

قال صلى الله عليه وسلم: ((ألا أنبئكم بخير أعمالكم، وأزكاها عند مليككم، وأرفعها في درجاتكم وخير لكم من إنفاق الذهب والورق، وخير لكم من أن تلقوا عدوكم فتضربوا أعناقهم ويضربوا أعناقكم؟ قالوا: بلى. قال: ذكر الله)) [صحيح الترمذي].

It was reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Shall I not inform you of the best of your deeds, and the purest of them with your Lord, that will highly exalt your ranks and is more efficacious to you than spending gold and silver (in charity), and better for you than encountering your enemy and strike their necks and having them smite your necks?" They said, "Please, do!" He (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "The remembrance of Allah, The Almighty." [Sahih At-Tirmidhi]

⇒ Mu'adh Ibn Jabal said: **"No deed saves the slave from Allah's torment more than Allah's remembrance."**

⇒ Maymun Ibn Mahran said: "There are two types of remembrances of Allah: the remembrance of Allah by uttering His praises and moving one's lip, saying His Name, which is a good act, but what is far better than this is the slave's remembrance of Allah when he is about to commit a disobedience, so he abstains from committing it." [Ibn Abi Al-Dunya's Book "Al-Waraa (Piety)].

5- By Worshipping Allah Alone, believing that none exclusively deserves to be worshipped except Him, without ever associating partners with Him: the basic rule of Islam is Monotheism, that is, the belief *in the absolute Oneness of Allah*, and His exclusive entitlement to His creations' worship and servitude, devoting all acts of worship to Allah alone, The Almighty, seeking His pleasure and satisfaction sincerely. This is the purpose for which Allah created creations (jinns and human beings) as He says:

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾ [الذاريات: 56]

"And I (Allah) created not the jinns and human beings except they should worship Me (Alone)." (Surat Adh-Dhariyyat, 56)

﴿وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا﴾ [النساء: 36]

"Worship Allâh and join none with Him (in worship)" (Surat An-Nisa', 36)

⇒ Surely, the Muslim's need to worship Allah and be sincerely devoted to Him is greater than his need for food, drink, breath, and even his need for his spirit, because the creations have been created for that purpose only: to worship the Lord and be sincerely devoted to Him. Thus, nothing could make the soul composed and relaxed than the remembrance of Allah. In fact, nothing could relieve the slave's heart more than his worship of Allah and his adoration and love for Him, and his attainment of His satisfaction. Nevertheless, the majority of people suffice with the worldly gains and the enjoyment of this life this world. They are satisfied with them, and devote their worship to things and people other than Allah. That is why some people call on the dead, invoking them to fulfill the needs, and relieve their distresses, while others resort to things and people other than Allah, makes vows to them, and slaughter sacrifices for anyone besides Allah, and swear by something or someone other than Allah.

وقد قال صلى الله عليه وسلم: ((من حلفَ بغيرِ الله فقد كفرَ أو أشركَ)) [صحيح الترمذي]،

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever swears by anyone or anything other than Allah, he has disbelieved in Allah or associated partners with Him" [Sahih At-Tirmidhi]

وقال صلى الله عليه وسلم: ((لَعَنَ اللَّهُ مَنْ ذَبَحَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ)) [رواه مسلم]

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Allah has cursed him who sacrificed for anyone besides Allah!" [Narrated by Muslim]

Of course, some people resort to soothsayers and fortune tellers, and believe what they say, putting their trust in their lies and corrupt sayings.

وقد قال صلى الله عليه وسلم: ((مَنْ أَتَى كَاهِنًا فَصَدَّقَهُ بِمَا يَقُولُ؛ فَقَدْ كَفَرَ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ)) [رواه الترمذي وصححه الألباني].

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever comes to a soothsayer and believes what he says has disbelieved in that which was sent down upon Muhammad (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him).

⇒ Moreover, some people hang up amulets, and put talismans in garments and mattresses, etc.

قال صلى الله عليه وسلم: ((مَنْ عَلِقَ تَمِيمَةً فَقَدْ أَشْرَكَ)) [رواه أحمد وصححه الألباني في صحيحه]

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever hangs an amulet has associated partners with Allah!" [Narrated by Ahmad and authenticated by Al-Albani as authentic in his Sahih (compilation of authentic saying of Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him)].

People used to hang amulets in the neck of a child, or a sheep, or hang them up at the doors of houses or in cars, etc. They believe that such amulet can ward off the evil eye and any harms or bring forth benefit. Other people also try to seek the blessings of the graves and cemeteries of the dead righteous people, wiping over the walls of the Kaaba, the thresholds of the mosques, trying to cling to some stones and trees, although all slaves are commanded to seek the support of none but Allah, Glorified be He, and to be attached to and to rely on none but Him, The Almighty, in all their affairs.

📖 Ibn al-Qayyim said: "When people suffice in and be satisfied with the life of this world, let you be content with Allah; and if people rejoice in this world, then let you

rejoice in worshipping your Lord! If people find pleasure in keeping company with their loved ones, then let you find all blissful pleasure in your devotion to Allah and your closeness to Him, Exalted be He. If people resort to their kings and their dignitaries, seeking their sustenance and flattering them, let you endear yourself to Allah, Exalted be He!" [Al-Fawaid: A Collection of the Wise Sayings]

وقال الرسول صلى الله عليه وسلم: ((إِذَا سَأَلْتَ فَاسْأَلِ اللَّهَ، وَإِذَا اسْتَعَنْتَ فَاسْتَعِنِ بِاللَّهِ، وَاعْلَمْ أَنَّ الْأُمَّةَ لَوِ اجْتَمَعَتْ عَلَى أَنْ يَنْفَعُوكَ بِشَيْءٍ لَمْ يَنْفَعُوكَ إِلَّا بِشَيْءٍ قَدْ كَتَبَهُ اللَّهُ لَكَ، وَإِنْ اجْتَمَعُوا عَلَى أَنْ يَضُرُّوكَ بِشَيْءٍ لَمْ يَضُرُّوكَ إِلَّا بِشَيْءٍ قَدْ كَتَبَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ)) [صحيح الترمذي].

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: *"If you beg, beg of Allah (Alone), and when you seek aid, seek Allah's aid. And know for sure that if the entire nation were to gather together to benefit you, they would never be able to benefit you except with that which Allah had preordained for you; and if they were to gather together to do harm to you, they would never be able to do harm to you other than which Allah had preordained for you."* [Sahih At-Tirmidhi]

☰ Allah, Glorified be He, has established the manifestations and signs of His Oneness in every creature. These manifestations and signs are manifest in you and in everything around you.

These worlds are a word,
Denoting a divine meaning;
All of them cry out loud, if asked,
"O Allah!"
The sea of existence and the universe ark are flowing,
In the Name of Allah it will sail and cast anchor!
From the light of your Face the whole universe shone,
Until there were established
Thrones, abodes, and subjugated properties,
And they are all to their Lord prostrating,
Bowing down to Allah, their Master and Guardian!
Glorified be He Who created things out of nothing,
And expanded myriad universes,
Laden with His bounties!
O man! How worthless you are and ill-mannered!
You are but a slave, always forgetting your Lord,
Yet He, Exalted be He, always inundates you
With His Generosity and lavish endowments,
O Allah! Forgive us and those who are heedless,

How come the profaned forgets Him Who
Has originated and created him?!
How come, you slave, forget your Lord?!

☰ *Supremely evident revelations: that are manifest for the blind, and the infidel is blindfolded to them as Allah, The One and Only Lord says:*

﴿بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ﴾ (العنكبوت: 49)

"Nay, but they, the clear Ayât [i.e. the description and the qualities of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم written in the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] are preserved in the breasts of those who have been given knowledge (among the people of the Scriptures). And none but the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrongdoers) deny Our Ayât (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc)." (Surat Al-`Ankabut, 49)

﴿وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ وَمَا يَعْقِلُهَا إِلَّا الْعَالِمُونَ﴾ (43) العنكبوت.

"And these similitudes We put forward for mankind; but none will understand them except those who have knowledge (of Allâh and His Signs)." (Surat Al-`Ankabut, 43)

Because You are Allah,
... there is no fear, no worry, no sunset, no night, no twilight.
... My heart is full of hope.
... My soul is full of glow!
These have been the roses of my field,
Ever since I knew the Magnificence of Your epithets,
As their Beauty is watered by divine fragrance!

Because You are Allah,
... the lights of contentment are eternal,
... the light itself is the path, and the days perpetual!
Since I was honoured and knew You,
... love has become my sails,
I always navigate alone
...as the worshippers of adoration drowned!

Because You are Allah,

... my tears became my window towards the heavens
... I cry... then soar!
Were it not for Your Majesty, O Allah,
That has scattered me in the agony of lifetime,
A night pulsating with tiredness!
Because You are Allah,
... I will remain forever foliated and verdant,
How many plants were betrayed throughout their lifetime!

Because You are Allah,
... no desert could crush me!
I advance... on my shades drizzle fall!
Because You are Allah,
... my veins will not shudder!
Because You are Allah
... specters of visions are torn apart!
Because You are Allah
... I will not choose a king for me,
for You are The Great Sovereign,
In Whose sovereignty I trust!

["Because You are my Lord" : A Book By Aly Jaber Al-Fiafy]

✉ I have certitude in Allah, The Almighty! When a dilemma occurred, or an ordeal afflicts a slave, he becomes confounded, and rubs his nose in the dirt, and cries out loud: O Allah! O Allah! O my Lord, endow me with knowledge for You endowed Ibrahim with knowledge! O my Lord, make me to understand things as You made Sulaimān to understand!

[اللهم رب جبرائيل وميكائيل واسرافيل، فاطر السماوات والأرض، عالم الغيب والشهادة، أنت تحكم بين عبادك فيما كانوا فيه يختلفون، اهدني لما اختلف فيه من الحق بإذنك، إنك تهدي من تشاء إلى صراط مستقيم].

"O Allah, Lord of Jibrāil, Mīkāil and Israfil (great angels), Creator of the heavens and the Earth, Knower of the seen and the unseen! You are the arbitrator between Your servants in that which they have disputed. Guide me to the truth by Your leave, in that which they have differed, for verily You guide whom You will to a straight path."

Thus, all gates of knowledge and prosperity are opened up for him, and all dilemmas are resolved! So, the clouds are lifted up, and the servant will be inspired the answer, by Allah, The Lord of the lords! Allah is The Only One worthy of worship!

(اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الْأَعْظَمِ، الَّذِي إِذَا دُعِيَ بِهِ أَجَبْتَ، وَإِذَا سُئِلَ بِهِ أُعْطِيَ، أَسْأَلُكَ بِأَنِّي أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، الْأَحَدُ الصَّمَدُ، الَّذِي لَمْ يَلِدْ، وَلَمْ يُولَدْ، وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ؛ أَنْ تَغْفِرَ لِي ذُنُوبِي، إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ)

"O Allah, I ask You by Your Greatest Name that if You are asked by, You respond, and if You are called upon by, You answer; I ask You that I bear witness that You are Allah, there is no god but You, The One, The Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, Who begets not, nor was He begotten, and there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him, to Forgive me my sins, truly, You are The Oft-Forgiving, The Most-Merciful."

(اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِأَنَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْمَتَّانُ بَدِيعِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ، أَنْ تَدْخُلَنَا الْجَنَّةَ مِنْ غَيْرِ حِسَابٍ وَلَا سَابِقِ عَذَابٍ، اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، وَكَرِهْ إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الرَّاشِدِينَ. وَصَلِ اللَّهُمَّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ).

***O Allah, I ask You, for all praise is due to You! There is no god but You! The Gracious Benefactor, The Originator of the heavens and the earth! O Lord of Majesty and Honour! O The Ever Living, The One Who sustains and protects all that exists, to admit us to you Paradise, without being brought to reckoning and without previous punishment,
O Allah! Endear the faith to us and beautify it in our hearts, and make disbelief, wickedness and disobedience hateful to us, and ordain us to be among the rightly guided!***

O Allah, send Your Salât (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy) on Your Prophet Muhammad and his family, companions and followers!