

ALLAH

The image shows the Arabic word 'Allah' written in a stylized, calligraphic font. The letters are black and set against a white background. The word is written in a way that is both elegant and clear, with the 'Alif' (the first letter) being particularly prominent.

Allah is the name of God in Arabic. But Allah is simply the Arabic word for "God." It is closely related to the word Al-Ilah, in Aramaic, the language that Jesus and his disciples spoke, a language still spoken in a few areas as in the Middle East. Knowledge about Allah is the pivot upon which Islam is based. Without this knowledge, every act in Islam or for Islam is useless because it loses its spirit. In Islam, the world as man knows it, begins and ends with Allah.

People denied Allah's existence, as they did not recognize him by the physical senses. They believe that is the only way to know him, while they recognized other things by their mind such as magnetism, atom, etc.

1.1 Our Universe was not created by accident

The more science advances the more it gives us accurate persuasive proof of a creator behind the entire phenomenon as the law of heat (Thermal Energy or Second Law of Thermodynamics), the law of atoms dynamics and Solar Energy. Dr. Edward Lozki stated "the science confirms that the cosmos can not remain for ever as there is continuous thermal movement from hot substances to cold substance. The contrast cannot occur by self-power. Therefore, we conclude that the cosmos can't remain forever, otherwise, its energy would have been exhausted and activity would have stopped a long time ago unless it is directed to be continuous. This confirms Allah's existence and that which was created cannot create itself. Hence, there must be a creator and maintainer. It is the divine being. It also can be said about the conclusion of Frank Alan famous scholar of biological physics.

We find more proof confirming the creation of the cosmos in the atoms that make up the existence. The atom cosmos consists of Positive electric charge (Proton) and Negative electrical charge (Electron) and the nucleus of atoms except for the hydrogen atom in which there is an excess of moderate charges called Neutron. Electrons in most of the present atoms turn around in continuous circular movement. This movement must have a starting point (beginning of the existence of the atom), which concludes that the cosmos is created from non-existence and there is a creator because non-existence cannot create existence. The same approach can be applied to solar energy and that how the sun and the stars continue to exist while they are losing energy.

Moreover it is not by accident that:

1. If the earth's crust were little thicker than its present thickness, it would absorb the carbon dioxide and oxygen and there would be no life on earth.
2. If the air were not higher in distance, millions of meteors burning in space would fall on the earth and would set fire to all inflammable objects.
3. If the sun gave fewer rays, we would be frozen. On the contrary, if it gave out more rays, we would have been turned into ashes long ago.

4. If the moon were further 20,000 miles instead of its present distance, the tide would be so powerful that it could engulf the earth twice a day.
5. If the night were ten times longer, the summer solar heat would burn plants every day and plants would be frozen every night
6. If Oxygen constitutes 50 percent of the atmosphere instead of 21, all combustible substances would be liable to burning. Similarly, if oxygen represents 10% of the air, there would be no human life on earth. Without rain, the earth would become a lifeless desert, likewise without wind, sea and oceans, living creatures would die
7. If the water of the ocean were sweet, it would turn bad and there would be no life on earth.
8. If the axis of the earth were straight instead of its present inclination of 23 degree, all the drops of the vaporized seawater would be accumulated in only the north and the south poles of the earth and the continents would be frozen
9. If the earth directed only towards one side of the sun, like Mercury, there would be either everlasting night or everlasting morning.
10. Without the law of gravity, there would be no attracting force among atoms; molecules to join them, consequently, the sun and the earth would not keep their present locations.
11. Without thermal laws, the earth would be frozen
12. Without mountains, there would be no earth crust

And many more, without all these premises of life leads to conclusion, which is that the universe is created by creator who integrate, put laws and maintain that universe. This create is Allah. For the atheists who introduced theory that life started as cell or germ that multiply and developed has no proof. There will always be those who refuse to believe. Allah points out, "**...if you were to seek a tunnel into the earth or a ladder into the skies and bring them a sign, they still wouldn't be convinced. If it were Allah's will, He could gather them all into true guidance, so don't be among those who are influenced by ignorance**" Quran 6:35. "**To Allah belongs the control of space and the Earth and Allah has power over all things.**" Quran 3:189

Man always need God, you can see that in his praying when man is afflicted with disasters, hardship and anxiety, we all remember when Hurricane Katrina was expected, all were praying the mighty power of the United State (the strongest nation in the earth) was helpless, has nothing to do but pray for God to save them.

The issue is that when the danger ease or vanish, man go back to whatever he use to do and forget praying or supplication to God. Allah state the reason for the creation "**Blessed is He in Whose Hand is the dominion; and He is Able to do all things. Who has created death and life, that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the All Mighty, the Oft-Forgiving; Who has created the seven heavens one above another; you can see no fault in the creation of the Most Gracious. Then look again: "Can you see any rifts"**". Quran 67:1-3

1.2 Seeking Knowledge

They way to know Allah is through the signs that indicate him. For that reason, Allah in his book; the Quran ask many times to seek knowledge and reflect on what we see in:

"And it is He Who spread out the earth, and placed therein firm mountains and rivers and of every kind of fruits He made two in pairs (may mean two kinds or it may mean: of two sorts, e.g. black and white, sweet and sour, small and big). He brings the night as a cover over the day. Verily, in these things, there are proofs (evidences, lessons, signs, etc.) for people who reflect. And in the earth are neighbouring tracts, and gardens of vines, and green crops (fields), and date-palms, growing out two or three from a single stem root, or otherwise (one stem root for every palm), watered with the same water; yet some of them We make more excellent than others to eat. Verily, in these things there are proofs (evidences, lessons, signs) for the people who understand" Quran 13:3 &4

“He it is Who sends down water (rain) from the sky; from it you drink and from it (grows) the vegetation on which you send your cattle to pasture. With it He causes to grow for you the crops, the olives, the date palms, the grapes, and every kind of fruit. Verily! In this is indeed an evident proof and a manifest sign for people who give thought.” Quran 16:10 –11

“And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge” Quran 30-22

“ Say: Behold all that is in the heavens and the earth, but neither Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) nor warners benefit those who believe not” Quran 10-101

"To Allah belongs the control of space and the Earth and Allah has power over all things." Quran 3:189

“And on the earth are signs for those who have Faith with certainty. And also in your own selves. Will you not then see?” Quran 51: 20-21

"Behold! In the creation of space and the Earth and in the changing of night into day are indeed signs for people of understanding. Those who remember Allah standing, sitting and lying down, and contemplate the (wonders) of creation in space and the Earth. (They declare,) "Our Lord! You didn't create all of this for nothing. So save us from the punishment of the fire." Quran 3:190-191

For that reason, Islam obliges Muslim to **gain knowledge** because it is the means through which one understands Islam well. The Quran declares: **“And those who have been given knowledge see that what is revealed to you (O Muhammad (peace be upon him)) from your Lord is the truth, and that it guides to the Path of the Exalted in Might, Owner of all praise”** Quran: 34-6

“It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allah. Verily, Allah is All-Mighty, Oft-Forgiving” Quran: 58-12

“And these similitudes We put forward for mankind; but none will understand them except those who have knowledge (of Allah and His Signs)”. Quran 29-43

“Certainly, We have brought them a Book (the Quran) which We have explained in detail with knowledge, - a guidance and a mercy to a people who believe” Quran 7:52.

1.3 Allah Guide those who search for Him and believe in Him

Once you recognizes and believe in Allah, Allah guided you back with faith, serenity and peace. **“whosoever believes in Allah, He guides his heart (to the true Faith with certainty, i.e. what has befallen him was already written for him by Allah from the Qadar (Divine Preordainments)) and Allah is the All-Knower of everything”**. Quran: 64-11,

So the secret lies within man himself **“So when they turned away (from the Path of Allah), Allah turned their hearts away (from the Right Path). And Allah guides not the people who are rebellious, disobedient to Allah”** Quran 61 –5 (part).

The Quran states that Allah loves those who love him (5:54), those who do good deeds (2:195), who ask His forgiveness (2:222), who purify themselves (2,222), who revere Him and who are

steadfast (3:146), those who rely on Him (3:159), who act justly (5:42), who strive for His cause (61:4), and follow the example of the Prophet (3:31)

The likenesses of the disbelievers who fail to recognize Allah with their mind after seeing His signs is as the likeness of someone carries precious book but does not recognize its value nor the author and declare them to be unknown and non-existence. Allah state it that we will always have the disbelievers who ignore all signs and facts: **“And even if We opened to them a gate from the heaven and they were to continue ascending thereto (all the day long) They would surely say: "Our eyes have been (as if) dazzled. Nay, we are a people bewitched.”** Quran15: 14-15,

“And if they see a sign, they turn away, and say: "This is continuous magic." Quran 54-2, “And how many a sign in the heavens and the earth they pass by, while they are averse therefrom” Quran12-105

The reality is Allah does not need us to believe in Him, we are the one who needs to believe in Him in order to save ourselves, **“And whosoever strives, he strives only for himself. Verily, Allah is free of all wants from the mankind, jinn, and all that exists”** Quran 29-6.

1.4 Allah Outline Who, He Will Not Guide

Allah states to us that he will prevent people with specific characteristic for seeing His signs and believing in him **“I shall turn away from My Ayat (proof, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc) those who behave arrogantly on the earth, without a right, and (even) if they see all the Ayat, they will not believe in them. And if they see the way of righteousness, they will not adopt it as the Way, but if they see the way of error, they will adopt that way, that is because they have rejected Our Ayat and were heedless (to learn a lesson) from them”** Quran7-146.

“And who does more wrong than the one who invents a lie against Allah, while he is being invited to Islam? And Allah guides not the people who are Zâlimûn (polytheists, wrong-doers and disbelievers) folk” Quran 61-7,

“Truly, Allah guides not him who is a liar, and a disbeliever” Quran 39-3,

“He misleads thereby only those who are Al-Fasiqûn (the rebellious, disobedient to Allah). Those who break Allah's Covenant after ratifying it, and sever what Allah has ordered to be joined (as regards Allah's religion of Islamic Monotheism, and to practice its laws on the earth and also as regards keeping good relations with kith and kin), and do mischief on earth, it is they who are the losers” Quran 2:26-27 (part),

“Allah likes not the transgressors” Quran 2:190 part

“ Allah does not like the those who inflict injustice” Quran 3:57 part

“Verily, Allah does not like anyone who is a betrayer, sinner” Quran 4:107

“Verily, He likes not who spend lavishly” Quran 6:141 part

1.5 Mankind Inclination is to Worship The Lord

The question, which arises here, is, "How can all people be expected to believe in Allah given their varying- backgrounds, societies and cultures? For people to be responsible for worshipping Allah they all have to have access to knowledge of Allah. The final revelation teaches that all mankind have the recognition of Allah imprinted on their souls, a part of their very nature with which they are created.

Allah explained that when He created Adam, He caused all of Adam's descendants to come into existence and took a pledge from them saying, Am I not your Lord? To which they all replied, "Yes, we testify to It:" Quran 7:172-173

Allah then explained why He had all of mankind bear witness that He is their creator and only true God worthy of worship. He said, "That was In case you (mankind) should say on the day of Resurrection, "Verily we were unaware of all this." That is to say, we had no idea that You Allah, were our God. No one told us that we were only supposed to worship You alone. Allah went on to explain That it was also In case you should say, "Certainly It was our ancestors who made partners (With Allah) and we are only their descendants; will You then destroy us for what those liars did?" Thus, every child is born with a natural belief in Allah and an inborn inclination to worship Him alone called in Arabic the "Fitrah". If the child were left alone, he would worship Allah in his own way, but those things around them, seen or unseen affect all children.

The Prophet (Pbuh) reported that Allah said, "I created my servants in the right religion but devils made them go astray". So, just as the child submits to the physical laws, which Allah has put in nature, his soul also submits naturally to the fact that Allah is his Lord and Creator. But, his parents try to make him follow their own way and the child is not strong enough in the early stages of his life to resist or oppose the will of his parents. The religion, which the child follows at this stage, is one of custom and upbringing and Allah does not hold him to account or punish him for this religion.

Throughout people's lives from childhood until the time they die, signs are shown to them in all regions of the earth and in their own souls, until it becomes clear that there is only one true God (Allah). If the people are honest with themselves, reject their false gods and seek Allah, the way will be made easy for them but if they continually reject Allah's signs and continue to worship creation, the more difficult it will be for them to escape.

Prophets were sent, as was earlier mentioned, to every nation and tribe to support man's natural belief in Allah and man's inborn inclination to worship Him as well as to reinforce the divine truth in the daily signs revealed by Allah. Although, in most cases, much of the prophets' teachings became distorted, portions remained which point out right and wrong. For example, the ten commandments of the Torah, their confirmation in the Gospels and the existence of laws against murder, stealing and adultery in most societies. Consequently, every soul will be held to account for its belief in Allah and its acceptance of the religion of Islam; the total submission to the will of Allah.

We learn from biblical and Quran stories that Allah formed Adam with Allah's own hands from earth (clay or mud). Stories have it that Allah blew in Adam from Allah's own Soul and that the soul entered Adam's body from the nose and life spread in his head first then in the rest of his body.

According to this narration, Adam knew beyond doubt that he was created. Adam believed in Allah and taught Allah's commandments to his children. Adam carried religion down to earth with him from Eden. Adam believed and narrated the story of his own creation.

Other prophets performed miracles of varying magnitude but we can say that there was one common trend; miracles were getting smaller and smaller as man was getting more developed. The early miracles were more visual and the latter miracles were more intellectual. Moses' miracles were magical. Jesus' miracles were mostly medical (raising the dead and healing the sick). Mohammed's everlasting miracle is the Quran. The Quran carries so many miracles in it that it challenges modern day readers to find fault in it or to discover all its miracles.

Yes, Islam does accept Abraham, Moses and Jesus, giving them the Arabic names of 'Ibrahim,' 'Musa,' and 'Isa' respectively. They are often mentioned in the Quran, the Holy Book of Islam, always with great respect. The Quran gives them the status of Prophethood. Muslims recognize

Jews and Christians, as the 'People of the Book' and also those that believe truly in the one Allah. These three religions have more in common than many people tend to believe.

“Say (O Muhammad): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and that which was vouchsafed unto Moses and Jesus and the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered” Quran: 3-84

1.6 Allah Attributes

“He is the First (nothing is before Him) and the Last (nothing is after Him), the Most High (nothing is above Him) and the Most Near (nothing is nearer than Him). And He is the All-Knower of every thing” Quran57: 3,

“Say (O Muhammad (Pbuh)) "He is Allah, (the) One. "Allah is The Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)) "He begets not, nor was He begotten. "And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him." Quran 112:1-4,

“None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists. Neither slumber, nor sleep overtake Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His Permission? He knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter. And they will never compass anything of His Knowledge except that which He wills. His Chair extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them. And He is the Most High, the Most Great” Quran 2:255,

“Allah knows the fraud of the eyes, and all that the breasts conceal” Quran 40:19,
“Verily, Allah is the All-Knower of the Unseen of the heavens and the earth. Verily! He is the All-Knower of that is in the chest” Quran 35:38
"God is the Creator of everything. He is the guardian over everything. Unto Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth " Quran 39:62, 63

Finally, we conclude with glorious description of Allah power

“And when Moses came at the time and place appointed by Us, and his Lord spoke to him; he said: "O my Lord! Show me Yourself, that I may look upon You." Allah said: "You cannot see Me, but look upon the mountain; if it stands still in its place then you shall see Me." So when his Lord appeared to the mountain, He made it collapse to dust, and Moses fell down unconscious. Then when he recovered his senses he said: "Glory be to You, I turn to You in repentance and I am the first of the believers." Quran 7:143

A great bliss flows into the hearts of the chosen ones among His faithful servants. The beauty of His light is matchless, like nothing we have seen, felt, heard, touched or even imagined; from his names we know his attributes. It is not possible to perfectly translate the names and attributes of Allah from their original Arabic into English. However, here are some fairly close explanations.

- 1 **Allah:** Allah, He who has the Godhood, which is the power to create the entities.
- 2 **Al-Rahman:** The Compassionate, The Beneficent, The One who has plenty of mercy for the believers and the blasphemers in this world and especially for the believers in the hereafter.
- 3 **Al-Raheem:** The Merciful, The One who has plenty of mercy for the believers.
- 4 **Al-Malik:** The King, The Sovereign Lord, The One with the complete Dominion, the One Whose Dominion is clear from imperfection.
- 5 **Al-Quddos:** The Holy, The One who is pure from any imperfection and clear from children and adversaries.

- 6 **Al-Salaam:** The Source of Peace, The One who is free from every imperfection.
- 7 **Al-Mumin:** Guardian of Faith, The One who witnessed for Himself that no one is God but Him. And He witnessed for His believers that they are truthful in their belief that no one is God but Him.
- 8 **Al-Muhaimin:** The Protector, The One who witnesses the saying and deeds of His creatures.
- 9 **Al-Azeez:** The Mighty, The Strong, The Defeater who is not defeated.
- 10 **Al-Jabbaar:** The Compeller, The One that nothing happens in His Dominion except that which He willed.
- 11 **Al-Mutakabbir:** The Majestic, The One who is clear from the attributes of the creatures and from resembling them.
- 12 **Al-Khaaliq:** The Creator, The One who brings everything from non-existence to existence.
- 13 **Al-Barih:** The Evolver, The Maker, The Creator who has the Power to turn the entities.
- 14 **Al-Musawwir:** The Fashioner, The One who forms His creatures in different pictures.
- 15 **Al-Ghaffaar:** The Great Forgiver, The Forgiver, The One who forgives the sins of His slaves time and time again.
- 16 **Al-Qahhaar:** The Subduer, The Dominant, The One who has the perfect Power and is not unable over anything.
- 17 **Al-Wahhaab:** The Bestower, The One who is Generous in giving plenty without any return. He is everything that benefits whether Halal or Haram.
- 18 **Al-Razzaaq:** The Sustainer, The Provider.
- 19 **Al-Fattaah:** The Opener, The Reliever, The Judge, The One who opens for His slaves the closed worldly and religious matters.
- 20 **Al-Aleem:** The All-knowing, The Knowledgeable; The One nothing is absent from His knowledge.
- 21 **Al-Qaabid:** The Constrictor, The Retainer, The Withholder, The One who constricts the sustenance by His wisdom and expands and widens it with His Generosity and Mercy.
- 22 **Al-Baasit:** The Expander, The Englarger, The One who constricts the sustenance by His wisdom and expands and widens it with His Generosity and Mercy.
- 23 **Al-Khaafid:** The Abaser, The One who lowers whoever He willed by His Destruction and raises whoever He willed by His Endowment.
- 24 **Al-Raafih:** The Exalter, The Elevator, and The One who lowers whoever He willed by His Destruction and raises whoever He willed by His Endowment.
- 25 **Al-Muiz:** The Honourer, He gives esteem to whomever He willed, hence there is no one to degrade Him; And He degrades whomever He willed, hence there is no one to give Him esteem.
- 26 **Al-Muzil:** The Dishonourer, The Humiliator, He gives esteem to whoever He willed, hence there is no one to degrade Him; And He degrades whoever He willed, hence there is no one to give Him esteem.
- 27 **Al-Sameeh:** The All-Hearing, The Hearer, The One who Hears all things that are heard by His Eternal Hearing without an ear, instrument or organ.
- 28 **Al-Baseer:** The All-Seeing, The One who Sees all things that are seen by His Eternal Seeing without a pupil or any other instrument.
- 29 **Al-Hakam:** The Judge, He is the Ruler and His judgment is His Word.
- 30 **Al-Adl:** The Just, The One who is entitled to do what He does.
- 31 **Al-Lateef:** The Subtle One, The Gracious, The One who is kind to His slaves and endows upon them.
- 32 **Al-Khabeer:** The Aware, The One who knows the truth of things.
- 33 **Al-Haleem:** The Forbearing, The Clement, The One who delays the punishment for those who deserve it and then He might forgive them.
- 34 **Al-Azeem:** The Great One, The Mighty, The One deserving the attributes of Exaltment, Glory, Extolment, and Purity from all imperfection.
- 35 **Al-Ghafoor:** The All-Forgiving, The Forgiving, The One who forgives a lot.
- 36 **Al-Shakoor:** The Grateful, The Appreciative, The One who gives a lot of reward for a little obedience.
- 37 **Al-Aliyy:** The Most High, The Sublime, The One who is clear from the attributes of the creatures.

- 38 **Al-Kabeer:** The Most Great, The Great, The One who is greater than everything in status.
- 39 **Al-Hafeez:** The Preserver, The Protector, The One who protects whatever and whoever He willed to protect.
- 40 **Al-Muqteet:** The Maintainer, The Guardian, The Feeder, The Sustainer, The One who has the Power.
- 41 **Al-Haseeb:** The Reckoner, The One who gives the satisfaction.
- 42 **Al-Jaleel:** The Sublime One, The Beneficent, The One who is attributed with greatness of Power and Glory of status.
- 43 **Al-Kareem:** The Generous One, The Bountiful, The Gracious, The One who is attributed with greatness of Power and Glory of status.
- 44 **Al-Raqeeb:** The Watcher, The Watchful, The One that nothing is absent from Him. Hence it's meaning is related to the attribute of Knowledge.
- 45 **Al-Mujeeb:** The Responsive, The Harkener, The One who answers the one in need if he asks Him and rescues the yearner if he calls upon Him.
- 46 **Al-Wasi:** The Vast, The All-Embracing, And The Knowledgeable.
- 47 **Al-Hakeem:** The Wise, The Judge of Judges, The One who is correct in His doings.
- 48 **Al-Wadood:** The Loving, The One who loves His believing slaves and His believing slaves love Him. His love to His slaves is His Will to be merciful to them and praise them: Hence it's meaning is related to the attributes of the Will and Kalam (His attribute with which He orders and forbids and spoke to Muhammad and Musa -peace be upon them- . It is not a sound nor a language nor a letter.).
- 49 **Al-Majeed:** The Most Glorious One, The Glorious, The One who is with perfect Power, High Status, Compassion, Generosity and Kindness.
- 50 **Al-Baith:** The Resurrector, The Raiser (from death), The One who resurrects His slaves after death for reward and/or punishment.
- 51 **Al-Shaheed:** The Witness, The One who nothing is absent from Him.
- 52 **Al-Haqq:** The Truth, The True, The One who truly exists.
- 53 **Al-Wakeel:** The Trustee, The One who gives the satisfaction and is relied upon.
- 54 **Al-Qawiyy:** The Most Strong, The Strong, The One with the complete Power.
- 55 **Al-Mateen:** The Firm One, The One with extreme Power which is un-interrupted and He does not get tired.
- 56 **Al-Waliyy:** The Protecting Friend, The Supporter.
- 57 **Al-Hameed:** The Praiseworthy, The praised One who deserves to be praised.
- 58 **Al-Muhsee:** The Counter, The Reckoner, The One who the counts of things are known to him.
- 59 **Al-Mubdi:** The Originator, The One who started the human being. That is, He created him.
- 60 **Al-Mueed:** The Reproducer, The One who brings back the creatures after death.
- 61 **Al-Muhyi:** The Restorer, The Giver of Life, The One who took out a living human from semen that does not have a soul. He gives life by giving the souls back to the worn out bodies on the resurrection day and He makes the hearts alive by the light of knowledge.
- 62 **Al-Mumeet:** The Creator of Death, The Destroyer, The One who renders the living dead.
- 63 **Al-Hayy:** The Alive, The One attributed with a life that is unlike our life and is not that of a combination of soul, flesh or blood.
- 64 **Al-Qayyoom:** The Self-Subsisting, The One who remains and does not end.
- 65 **Al-Waajid:** The Perceiver, The Finder, The Rich who is never poor. Al-Wajid is Richness.
- 66 **Al-Waahid:** The Unique, The One, The One without a partner.
- 67 **Al-Ahad :**The One.
- 68 **Al-Samad:** The Eternal, The Independent, The Master who is relied upon in matters and reverted to in ones needs.
- 69 **Al-Qadir:** The Able, The Capable, The One attributed with Power.
- 70 **Al-Muqtadir:** The Powerful, The Dominant, The One with the perfect Power that nothing is withheld from Him.
- 71 **Al-Muqaddim:** The Expediter, The Promoter, The One who puts things in their right places. He makes ahead what He wills and delays what He wills.
- 72 **Al-Muakhir:** The Delayer, the Retarder, The One who puts things in their right places. He makes ahead what He wills and delays what He wills.

- 73 **Al-Awwal**: The First, The One who's Existence is without a beginning.
- 74 **Al-'Aakhir**: The Last, The One who's Existence is without an end.
- 75 **Al-Zaahir**: The Manifest, The One that nothing is above Him and nothing is underneath Him, hence He exists without a place. He, The Exalted, His Existence is obvious by proofs and He is clear from the delusions of attributes of bodies.
- 76 **Al-Baatin**: The Hidden, The One that nothing is above Him and nothing is underneath Him, hence He exists without a place. He, The Exalted, His Existence is obvious by proofs and He is clear from the delusions of attributes of bodies.
- 77 **Al-Walee**: The Governor, The One who owns things and manages them.
- 78 **Al-Mutaali**: The Most Exalted, The High Exalted, The One who is clear from the attributes of the creation.
- 79 **Al-Barr**: The Source of All Goodness, The Righteous, The One who is kind to His creatures, who covered them with His sustenance and specified whoever He willed among them by His support, protection, and special mercy.
- 80 **Al-Tawwaab**: The Acceptor of Repentance, The Relenting, The One who grants repentance to whoever He willed among His creatures and accepts his repentance.
- 81 **Al-Muntaqim**: The Avenger, The One who victoriously prevails over His enemies and punishes them for their sins. It may mean the One who destroys them.
- 82 **Al-Afuww**: The Pardoner, The Forgiver, The One with wide forgiveness.
- 83 **Ar-Ra'uf**: The Compassionate, The One with extreme Mercy. The Mercy of Allah is His will to endow upon whomever He willed among His creatures.
- 84 **Malik Al-Mulk**: The Eternal Owner of Sovereignty, The One who controls the Dominion and gives dominion to whomever He willed.
- 85 **Thul-Jalali wal-Ikram**: The Lord of Majesty and Bounty, The One who deserves to be Exalted and not denied.
- 86 **Al-Muqsit**: The Equitable, The One who is Just in His judgment.
- 87 **Al-Jaami**: The Gatherer, The One who gathers the creatures on a day that there is no doubt about, that is the Day of Judgment.
- 88 **Al-Ghaniyy**: The Self-Sufficient, The One who does not need the creation.
- 89 **Al-Mughni**: The Enricher, The One who satisfies the necessities of the creatures.
- 90 **Al-Maani**: The Preventer, The Withholder.
- 91 **Al-Daarr**: The Distresser, The One who makes harm reach to whomever He willed and benefit to whomever He willed.
- 92 **Al-Nafi**: The Propitious, The One who makes harm reach to whomever He willed and benefit to whomever He willed.
- 93 **Al-Noor**: The Light, The One who guides.
- 94 **Al-Haadi**: The Guide, The One whom with His Guidance His believers were guided, and with His Guidance the living beings have been guided to what is beneficial for them and protected from what is harmful to them.
- 95 **Al-Badi**: The Incomparable, The One who created the creation and formed it without any preceding example.
- 96 **Al-Baaqi**: The Everlasting, The One that the state of non-existence is impossible for Him.
- 97 **Al-Waarith**: The Supreme Inheritor, The Heir, The One who's Existence remains.
- 98 **Al-Rasheed**: The Guide to the Right Path, The One who guides.
- 99 **Al-Saboor**: The Patient, The One who does not quickly punish the sinners.

1.7 Supplication

Supplication, it is the basis of worship of God and servitude to Him. In order to secure a desire or wish person want to obtain, a child will either cry or ask for it, that is, he will supplicate through the tongue of his impotence either actively or verbally, and will be successful in securing it. In the same way, man is like a delicate, petted child in the world of all living creatures. He has to either weep at the Court of the Most Merciful and Compassionate One through his weakness and impotence, or supplicate through his poverty and need, so that the things he wants may be made subject to him, or he may offer thanks for their being made so.

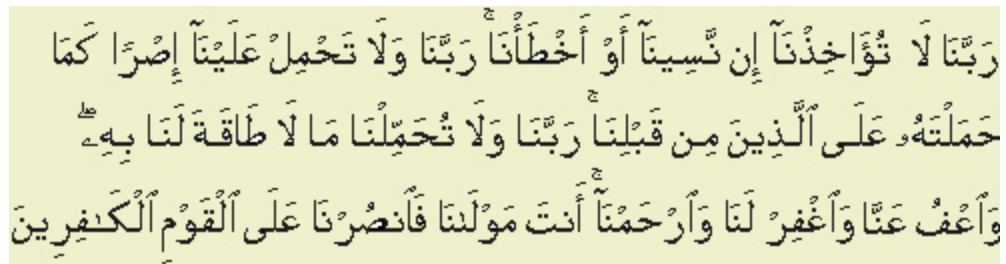
The Prophet (Pbuh) said, "Supplication is the kernel of worship", he also stated "Supplications of five persons are for ever accepted?

1. Of the oppressed so long he has not taken revenge;
2. Of the pilgrim till he returns home after the Hajj;
3. Of the warrior fighting in Jihad till it is concluded;
4. Of the sick patient till his recovery; and
5. Of a Muslim for a fellow Muslim in his absence

Prophet Muhammad also said (Pbuh) "The dua can change our life, our outlook, and our fate. It is the most potent weapon of a believer."

The most important aspect, the most beautiful aim, the sweetest fruit of this is this: "The one who offers the supplications knows that there is Someone Who hears the wishes of his heart, Whose hand can reach all things, Who can bring about each of his desires, Who takes pity on his impotence, and answers his poverty."

Example of supplication from the Quran:



رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إِكْرَامًا كَمَا
حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ
وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَارْحَمْنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

Rabbanaa laa tu-'aa-khiznaa 'in-nasiinaa 'aw 'akhta'-naa. Rabbana wa laa tahmil 'alaynaa 'is-ran-kamaa hamal-tahuu 'alal-lazina min-qabliinaa. Rabbana wa laa tuhammil-naa maa laa taaqata lanaa bih. Wa'-fu 'anna waq-fir lanaa, wa-r-ham-na. 'Anta mawlaa naa fan-surnaa 'alal-qawmil kaafireen.

“Our Lord! do not take us to task if we forget, or we make a mistake; our Lord! and do not lay upon us a burden as you had lain on those before us; our Lord! and do not impose upon us that for which no strength have we. Therefore pardon us; and grant us protection; and be kind to us. You are our Patron; therefore help us over the Unbelieving people”. Quran 2: 286

We recommend the purchase one of the two Douaa or Supplication references identified in this section.

2.8 Relation with Allah

Of all the ties that people have, their relationship with Allah is obviously the first and foremost. It determines their other relationships with their fellow human beings, family, community, and state. It prescribes the whole range of human's relationships with all that exists in the universe. If humans gain a proper understanding of their sound relationship with Allah, sever their false ties, and maintain the prescribed relationship, they will grow into obedient servants of his Lord, valuable members of their family, sincere citizens of their state and loving, and caring human

beings concerned with the welfare of all humankind. It transforms them into morally trained and pious people. This transformation lies at the heart of self-development that was recommended by the messengers of Allah.

When believers recite the Qur'an, they will become aware that every command or note of guidance is followed by a reference to some divine attribute. An observation is followed by the affirmation that Allah is All Knowing and All Aware; a command by the affirmation that Allah is All-Knowing and All Wise.

Similarly, a prohibition is followed by the warning that Allah is All Mighty and All-Powerful. This gives us manifestation of divine attributes.

Worshipping has been made compulsory in Islam, and it has been included in the basic pillars of faith. But the Islamic forms of worship are not some sort of mystic exercises that link men with some unknown, mysterious being, and which subject men to perform useless acts and meaningless movements. All the Islamic compulsory forms of worship are designed as exercises and training to enable people to acquire correct morals and habits and to live righteously, and to adhere to these virtues till the end, whatever be the changes in their circumstances. Prayer prevents commitment of Evil, prayer is a compulsory form of worship, which is like an exercise towards which man is attracted with interest and willingness. He offers it continually, so that his life may be free from all diseases and the body may be healthy and strong. The holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet-both are the open proofs of these realities.

When Allah commanded the compulsory prayers to be established, He stated its wisdom in this way: "Prayer prohibits obscenity and evil." To keep away from evil, wickedness and to purify from bad deeds are also realities of the prayer. As stated in Hadith-e-Qudsi.

Zakat is a means of purification. Zakat has been made compulsory on the eligible persons. It is not merely a tax that is collected from the pockets of the people, but its foremost purpose is to sow the seeds of kindness, Sympathy and benevolence, and to provide a chance of introduction among the various sections of the society and to establish the relationship of love and friendliness. The purpose of paying Zakat has been stated in the Qur'an in the following words: **"O Prophet! Take charity from their property so that it may clean them and purify them."** Quran 9:103

To clean the self of the worldly impurities and to raise the standard of the society to the heights of decency and purity are the wisdom behind the levy of Zakat.

Fasting is a stepping-stone to Righteousness. Similarly Islam has made fasting compulsory. But it is not envisaged that men should keep away from their carnal desires and other prohibited things for a fixed period only. The Prophet has said: *"Fasting is not the name of merely keeping away from eating and drinking, but it is keeping away from wicked and obscene things. If in the state of fasting, someone abuses you or picks up a quarrel with you, say: "I am fasting."*

Quran states the purpose of the imposition of fasting in these words: **"Fasting has been made compulsory for you, as it was made compulsory for those (followers of earlier prophets) who preceded you, so that you may become righteous."** Quran 2:193

Hajj is a compulsory pilgrimage to weaken the love for the world. Sometimes man thinks that to travel to the holy places and to perform pilgrimage, which has been made compulsory for every rich Muslim, and which is included in the basic pillars of Islam, is merely a form of worship that has no relation with the world of morality and character. This is a clear misunderstanding. Giving commands about this compulsory worship, Allah states:

If these forms of worship do not purify the hearts of men, if they do not nourish best qualities in those who observe them, and if they do not improve and make firm the relationship between Allah and His slaves, then there is nothing left for men but destruction and devastation.

“But Allah has endeared the faith to you and has beautified in your hearts and has made disbelief, wickedness and disobedience to Allah hateful to you. Such are they who are rightly guided” Quran 49:7

When people study the Quran, they learn that they can establish a correct and sound relationship with Allah only if they adapt themselves to divine attributes. Each and every divine attribute makes certain demands on people's heart, soul, and deeds. If we fulfill these demands, it signifies the forging of a perfect relationship with our Lord. The relationship with Allah must include:

A) Piety

Piety is the deep feeling of love and respect and for following Allah order. **“It is not piety, righteousness, and each and every act of obedience to Allah, that you turn your faces towards east and (or) west (in prayers); but Piety is the one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the Angels, the Book, the Prophets and gives his wealth, in spite of love for it, to the kinsfolk, to the orphans, and to the poor, and to the wayfarer, and to those who ask, and to set slaves free, performs prayer and gives the Zakat, and who fulfill their covenant when they make it, and who are patient in extreme poverty and ailment and at the time of fighting (during the battles). Such are the people of the truth and they are Al- the pious”** Quran 2:177. **Verily, The pious - See V.2: 2), will be in the midst of Gardens and Rivers (Paradise) In a seat of truth (i.e. Paradise), near the Omnipotent King (Allah, the All-Blessed, the Most High, the Owner of Majesty and Honour).** “ Quran 54:54-55.

B) Love of Allah

The most exalted kind of love is love of the creator, which will result in Allah love, **“Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers”** Quran 5:54, **“And do good. Truly, Allah loves the good-doers.”** Quran 2:195, **“Truly, Allah loves those who turn unto Him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves “** Quran 2:222, **“And Allah loves the patient”** Quran 3:146. **“Then when you have taken a decision, put your trust in Allah, certainly, Allah loves those who put their trust (in Him)”** Quran 3:159. **“Verily, Allah loves those who fight in His Cause in rows (ranks) as if they were a solid structure”** Quran 61:4.

C) Surrender to Allah & Trust Him

By Putting your trust in Allah means you believe in Him and His ability and Judgement. **“Then when you have taken a decision, put your trust in Allah, certainly, Allah loves those who put their trust (in Him)”** Quran 3:159. **None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists”** Quran 3:1. **“And whosoever puts his trust in Allah, then He will suffice him. Verily, Allah will accomplish his purpose. Indeed Allah has set a measure for all things”** Quran 65:3. **“Such is Allah, my Lord in Whom I put my trust, and to Him I turn (in all of my affairs and) in repentance”** Quran 42:10

D) Sincerity

Sincerity is the positive moral quality that is opposite to the hierocracy; it is the most rewarding relationship. **“Say (O Muhammad (peace be upon him)) "Verily, I am commanded to worship Allah (Alone) by obeying Him and doing religious deeds sincerely for his sake only”** Quran 39:11. **Allah Alone I worship by doing religious deeds sincerely for His sake only (and not to show-off, and not to set up rivals with Him in worship “** Quran 39:14

E) Repentance

It is private confession of our sin to Allah and sincere intent of not doing it again and going forward to do good deeds. **“So that, if any of you does evil in ignorance, and thereafter**

repents and does righteous good deeds (by obeying Allah), then surely, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful” Quran 6:54. “Except those who repent and believe (in the Oneness of Allah and His Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him)) and work righteousness. Such will enter Paradise and they will not be wronged in aught” Quran 19:60

F) Hope

Muslim must be optimist even if we do not know how to get out of difficulty and how our life will be in the Hereafter. “Say: **“O My slaves who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah: verily, Allah forgives all sins. Truly He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”** Quran 39:53.

G) Fear

Whoever has cemented the love with Allah and whose heart is strong with truth illuminated with the brightness of truth has got no fear. “**No doubt! Verily, those who believe in the Oneness of Allah and fear Allah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which he has forbidden), and love Allah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained) no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve**” Quran 10:62. “**O you who believe! Fear Allah (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. (Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always), and die not except in a state of Islam (as Muslims (with complete submission to Allah))**”. Quran 3:102. “**O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him. And let every person look to what he has sent forth for the tomorrow, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is All-Aware of what you do.**” Quran 59:18.

H) Gratitude

Gratitude characterizes a person’s response to kindness or benefit rendered by others. The highest and most noble gratitude must be to the most deserving our creator. “And Allah will give reward to those who are grateful” Quran 3:144. “If you give thanks (by accepting Faith and worshipping none but Allah), I will give you more (of My Blessings); but if you are thankless (i.e. disbelievers), verily My Punishment is indeed severe.” Quran 14:7. “And Allah is with the patient” Quran 2:249.

I) Patience

Patience is the light that saves a person from disappointment, desperation, frustration and anxiety. “**Only those who are patient shall receive their rewards in full, without reckoning.**” Quran 39:10. “Except those who show patience and do righteous good deeds: those, theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward (Paradise). Quran 11:11. “ **Peace be upon you) for you persevered in patience! Excellent indeed is the final home!**” Quran 13:24

J) Tolerance

By respecting others and recognizing of person’s right to his/her own conviction and to be different from others.

K) Perseverance

“**They are those who are patient, those who are true (in Faith, words, and deeds), and obedient with sincere devotion in worship to Allah. Those who spend (give the Zakat and alms in the Way of Allah) and those who pray and beg Allah’s Pardon in the last hours of the night**” Quran 3:17. “**Except those who repent (from hypocrisy), do righteous good**

deeds, hold fast to Allah, and purify their religion for Allah then they will be with the believers. And Allah will grant the believers a great reward.” Quran 4:146

L) Justice

Respect justice and resist injustice, it is the virtue, which motivates one to seek fairness for oneself and others. **“And of those whom We have created, there is a community who guides (others) with the truth, and establishes justice therewith”** Quran 7:181. **“Verily! Allah commands that you should render back the trusts to those to whom they are due; and that when you judge between men, you judge with justice. Verily, how excellent is the teaching, which He (Allah) gives you! Truly, Allah is Ever All-Hearer, All-Seer.”** Quran 4: 48. **“And Allah guides not the people who are the unjust”**. Quran 9:109.

M) Truthfulness

Allah attaches great value to truthfulness and honesty. **“Verily, We have sent down the Book to you (O Muhammad (peace be upon him)) in truth: So worship Allah (Alone) by doing religious deeds sincerely for Allah’s sake only”** Quran 39:2

N) Humility

Humility and modesty are essential in dealing with others. **“And the (faithful) slaves of the Most Gracious (Allah) are those who walk on the earth in humility and sedateness, and when the foolish address them (with bad words) they reply back with mild words of gentleness”** Quran 25:63. **‘And turn not your face away from men with pride, nor walk in insolence through the earth. Verily, Allah likes not any arrogant boaster ‘** Quran 31:18

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