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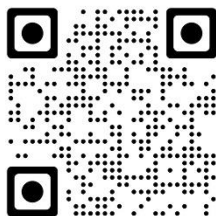
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## In the Name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

**\*Be informed- may Allah have mercy upon you- that it is obligatory on us to learn four issues:**

**First:** knowledge, that is: to know Allah, and to know His Prophet, and to know the religion of Islam with proofs.

**Second:** to act upon it (the knowledge).

**Third:** to call people to it (the knowledge).

**Fourth:** to be patient on the harm one receives in its course.

The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿وَالْعَصْرِ﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ  
إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَّصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿

{In the Name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful}. {By the time, man is in utter loss, except those who have believed and done righteous deeds, and exhort one another to the truth and exhort one another to patience.}

Ash-Shāfi`iy - may Allah, the Most High have mercy upon him - said: “If Allah had not sent any evidence upon His creation except this chapter, it would have been sufficient for them”.

Al-Bukhāri - may Allah, the Most High have mercy upon him – said: “Chapter: Knowledge before speech and deeds; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:



﴿فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ﴾

{Then know [O Prophet] that none has the right to be worshiped except Allah, and seek forgiveness for your sins}, So He (Allah Almighty) began with knowledge” before speech and deeds.

**\*Be informed - may Allah have mercy upon you - that it is obligatory upon every male Muslim and female Muslim, to learn these three issues and act upon them:**

**First: Allah created us** and provided for us, He did not leave us neglected, instead, He sent us a Messenger, then whoever obeys him enters Paradise and whoever disobeys him enters Hellfire.

The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ رَسُولًا شَهِدًا عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ رَسُولًا ۖ فَعَصَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ الرَّسُولَ فَأَخَذْنَاهُ أَخْذًا وَبِيلًا﴾

{Indeed, We have sent to you a messenger to be a witness over you, just as We sent to pharaoh a messenger. But pharaoh disobeyed the messenger, so We seized him with a severe punishment.}

**Second: Allah does not accept** anyone to be associated with Him in worship, neither the favored angel nor a sent prophet; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا﴾

{The Masjids are for Allah alone, so do not supplicate anyone along with Allah.}

**Third: Anyone who obeys** the Messenger and believes in the oneness of Allah, then it is not permissible for him to be an ally of those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, even if they are the closest relatives.

The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَوْ كَانُوا  
 آبَاءَهُمْ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ أُولَئِكَ كَتَبَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الْإِيمَانَ  
 وَأَيَّدَهُمْ بِرُوحٍ مِّنْهُ وَيُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا رَضِيَ  
 اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ أُولَئِكَ حِزْبُ اللَّهِ أَلَا إِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ﴾

{You will not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day taking as allies those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, even if they were their parents, their children, their brothers, or their kindred. It is they in whose hearts Allah has instilled faith and strengthened them with a spirit from Him. He will admit them to gardens under which rivers flow, abiding therein forever. Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah. Those are the party of Allah. Indeed, it is the party of Allah that will be the successful}.

**\*Be informed - may Allah guide you to His obedience -:**

that Hanīfiyyah- the religion of Ibrāhim-: is to worship Allah alone with sincere devotion. And with that Allah commanded the entire humankind and created them for that; as Allah, the Most High says:

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾

{I have not created the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.} and the meaning of “worship” is to single Him out in worship.

**And the greatest thing Allah has commanded:** Tawhīd, and this is: singling Allah out in worship.

**And the gravest sin that Allah has forbidden is:** Polytheism, and this is: calling upon others along with Him. The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا﴾

{Worship Allah and do not associate any partners with Him.}

**Then if you are asked: What are the three fundamental principles obligatory upon every person to know?**

Then say: One must know his Lord, his religion, and his Prophet - Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

## The First Principle

### If you are asked: Who is your Lord?

Then say: My Lord is Allah Who raised me and raised the entire world with His bounties. He is my Lord and I worship none but Him; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

{All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.}. And everything other than Allah is a creation, and I am one of that creation.

### So if you are asked: How did you come to know your Lord?

Then say: Through His signs and His creatures.

**And among His signs:** are the night and the day, the sun and the moon.

**And among His creatures:** are the seven heavens and whatever exists in it, and the seven earths whatever exists in it and between them.

The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ  
وَأَسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ﴾

{And among His signs are the night and the day, the sun and the moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or to the moon, but prostrate to Allah Who created them, if you truly worship Him.} And His, the Most High, saying:

﴿إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ  
يُغْشَى اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ أَلَا  
لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ ۗ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

{Your Lord is Allah, Who created the heavens and earth in six days, and then rose over [istawa] the Throne. He makes the night and day overlap in rapid succession. He made the sun, the moon, and the stars – all subservient to His command. Behold, His is the creation and the command. Blessed is Allah, the Lord of the worlds.}

### **The “Lord” means the worshiped.**

The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ \* الَّذِي  
جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فِرَاشًا وَالسَّمَاءَ بِنَاءً وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ  
رِزْقًا لَكُمْ ۖ فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أَنْدَادًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ﴾

{O mankind, worship your Lord, Who created you and those before you, so that you may become righteous. He Who made the earth a resting-place and the sky a canopy; and sends down rain from the sky, and brings forth fruits thereby as a provision for you. So do not set up rivals to Allah while you know.}

Ibn Kathīr - may Allah have mercy upon him - said: “The Creator of all these things is the One Who alone deserves to be worshiped.”

**Types of worship that Allah has commanded:** - like: Islam, faith, Ihsān (excellence); And among them are: Supplication, fear of Allah, hope in Allah, reliance upon Allah, aspiring to earn

Allah's pleasure, awe of Allah, submission and humility, apprehension, turning to Allah in repentance, seeking Allah's help, seeking refuge in Allah, seeking relief from Allah, offering sacrifice, making vows, and other acts of worship that Allah has commanded – they should all be offered to Allah; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَأَنَّ الْمَسْجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا﴾

{The Masjids are for Allah alone, so do not supplicate anyone along with Allah.}

**So, whoever dedicates any of such acts of worship to other than Allah;** then he is a polytheist and a disbeliever. The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَمَنْ يَدْعُ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ لَا بُرْهَانَ لَهُ بِهِ فَإِنَّمَا حِسَابُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾

{Whoever supplicates another god besides Allah, for which he has no proof, his reckoning will be with his Lord. Indeed, the disbelievers will never succeed.}

**And in Hadīth: “Supplication is the brain of worship”.** The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ﴾

{Your Lord says, Call upon Me; I will respond to you. Those who are too proud to worship Me will enter Hell, utterly debased}.

**The proof of fear in Allah;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:



﴿فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُونِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ﴾

{Do not fear them, but fear Me, if you are [true] believers.}

**The proof of hope in Allah;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا﴾

{So, whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him do righteous deeds and associate none in the worship of his Lord.}

**The proof of reliance upon Allah;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَتَوَكَّلُوا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ﴾

{And put your trust in Allah if you are believers.}

And His saying:

﴿وَمَنْ يَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ فَهُوَ حَسْبُهُ﴾

{Whoever puts his trust in Allah, He is sufficient for him.}

**The proof of aspiring to earn Allah's pleasure, awe of Allah, submission and humility;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسْرِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا وَكَانُوا لَنَا خَاشِعِينَ﴾

{They used to hasten in doing good deeds and used to call upon Us with hope and fear, and they were humble before Us.}

**The proof of apprehension;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَاخْشَوْنِ﴾

{So do not fear them but fear Me.}

**The proof of returning to Allah in repentance;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَأَنِيبُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَسْلِمُوا لَهُ﴾

{Turn to your Lord [in repentance] and submit to Him.}

**The proof of seeking help from Allah;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ﴾

{You alone we worship, and You alone we ask for help.}

And in Hadīth: “If you are to seek help, then seek Allah’s help.”

**The proof of seeking refuge with Allah;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ﴾

{Say, I seek refuge with the Lord of the daybreak.}

And

﴿قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ﴾

{Say, I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind.}

**The proof of seeking relief from Allah;** is the saying of Allah, the Most Allah:

﴿إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَبَ لَكُمْ﴾

{[Remember] when you were seeking help of your Lord [at Badr] and He responded to you.}

**The proof of offering sacrifice;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ \* لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ﴾

{Say, “Indeed, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living and my dying are all for Allah, Lord of the worlds. He has no partner.}

And the proof from the Sunnah: “**May Allah curse whoever slaughters (offers sacrifice) for the sake of anyone other than Allah.**”

**The proof of making vows;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿يُوفُونَ بِالنَّذْرِ وَيَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا كَانَ شَرُّهُ مُسْتَطِيرًا﴾

{They fulfill their vows and fear a Day whose evil will spread far and wide.}

## The Second Fundamental Principle

**Knowledge of the Religion of Islam with the Relevant Proofs**, and that is (Islam means) to submit to Allah through Tawhīd, surrender to Him through obedience, and rid oneself of polytheism and its people.

**This Principle has three levels:** Islam, faith, and Ihsān (excellence).

**And each level has pillars.**

**\*The pillars of Islam are five:** Testimony that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, establishing prayer; paying Zakah (compulsory alms), fasting the month of Ramadān; and performing Hajj to the Sacred House of Allah.

**The proof of the testimony;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُوا الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ﴾

{Allah testifies that none has the right to be worshiped except Him, as do the angels and people of knowledge; He is the Upholder of justice. None has the right to be worshiped except Him, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.}

**And which means:** none is truly worthy of worship except Allah alone.

“There is no god” is a negation of all that is worshiped other than Allah.

“Except Allah” is an affirmation of worship for Allah alone.

There is no associate with Him in worship, just as there is no associate with Him in His Kingdom.

**And this is well explained with clarity;** by the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ لِأَبِيهِ وَقَوْمِهِ إِنَّنِي بَرَاءٌ مِّمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ \* إِلَّا الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي﴾

{And [remember] when Abraham said to his father and his people, “I disown all that you worship. Except the One Who created me.}

And His, the Most High, saying:

﴿قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ  
وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا  
أَشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ﴾

{Say, “O people of the Book, come to a common term between us and you, that we worship none but Allah and associate no partners with Him, and that we do not take one another as lords besides Allah.” But if they turn away, say, “Bear witness that we are Muslims [submitting to Allah].”}

**The proof of bearing witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah:** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ  
بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ﴾

{There has come to you a Messenger from among

yourselves; he is grieved by your suffering, and is concerned for you, and is gracious and merciful towards the believers}

**And the meaning of the testimony that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah:** is to obey him in what he commands, and believe in what he reported, and abstain from what he forbade and warned against, and worship Allah only in the manner he instructed.

**The proof of prayer and Zakah and the explanation of Tawhīd;** are in the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ  
وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقَيِّمَةِ﴾

{although they were commanded only to worship Allah with sincere devotion to Him, being inclined to true faith, and to establish prayer and give zakah; that is the true religion.}

**The proof of fasting;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ﴾

{O you who believe, fasting is prescribed upon you as it was prescribed upon those who were before you, so that you may become righteous.}

**The proof of performing Hajj;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حُجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا وَمَن كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

{And pilgrimage to the House is a duty owed to Allah upon

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all mankind who are able to make their way to it; whoever disbelieves, then (he should know that) Allah is independent of all creatures.}

**\* Second level: Faith;** and this: has seventy-odd branches, the highest of which is the declaration that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah, and the lowest of which is the removal of harmful object from the path, and modesty is a branch of faith.

**And its pillars are six:** to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, the Last Day, and destiny; the pleasant and unpleasant aspects thereof.

**The proof of these six pillars;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ  
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ﴾

{It is not righteousness to turn your faces towards the east or the west, but righteousness is to believe in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Scriptures, and the prophets.}

**The proof of belief in destiny;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِنَّا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقْنَاهُ بِقَدَرٍ﴾

{Indeed, We have created everything according to a determined measure.}



**\*Third level: Ihsān (excellence)** - it has one pillar -, and this is to worship Allah as if you could see Him; if you do not see Him, He sees you.

**The proof** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ﴾

{Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who do good.}:

﴿وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى الْعَزِيزِ الرَّحِيمِ \* الَّذِي يَرْنَكَ حِينَ تَقُومُ \* وَتَقَلِّبُكَ فِي السَّجْدِ﴾

{And put your trust in the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful. Who sees you when you stand up [for prayer]. And your movements among those who prostrate.}

And His saying:

﴿وَمَا تَكُونُ فِي شَأْنٍ وَمَا تَتْلُوا مِنْهُ مِنْ قُرْآنٍ وَلَا تَعْمَلُونَ مِنْ عَمَلٍ إِلَّا كُنَّا عَلَيْكُمْ شُهُودًا إِذْ تُفِيضُونَ فِيهِ﴾ الآية

{Whatever matter you [O Prophet] may be engaged in, and whatever portion of the Qur'an you may recite, and whatever deed you [O people] may do, except that We are a Witness over you when you are engaged in it}. The verse

**And the proof from the Sunnah:** is the famous Hadīth of Jibrīl (Gabriel), narrated `Umar ibn al-Khattāb (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: "While we were with the Messenger of Allah one day, there appeared a man before us, whose clothes were exceedingly white and his hair was exceedingly black; no signs of journeying could be seen on him and none of us knew him, until he sat down by the prophet (peace and blessings of Allah

be upon him). He rested his knees against his (the prophet) knees and placed the palms of his hands on his (the prophet) thighs, and said: "O Muhammed!

**Tell me about Islam?**

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: Islam is to testify that there is no god except Allah and Muhammed is the messenger of Allah, to establish the prayers, to pay the zakat (the compulsory alms), to fast in Ramadān, and to make the pilgrimage to the House (of Allah) if you able to make your way to it. He said: You are right - and we were amazed at him, asking him and affirming his reply -.

**He said: Then tell me about faith?**

He said: to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His messengers, and the Last Day, and to believe in divine destiny; the good and the evil. He said: You are right.

**He said: Then tell me about Ihsān (excellence)?**

He said: to worship Allah as though you are seeing Him, and even if you see Him not yet truly, He sees you.

**He said: Then tell me about the Hour?**

He said: The one asked does not know more than the one asking.

**He said: Then tell me about its signs?**

He said: When the slave-girl will give birth to her mistress and you will see the barefooted, naked, destitute shepherd competing in constructing lofty buildings.

He said: Then he (Jibrīl) left and I stayed for a long period. Then he (the prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)) said to me: O `Umar! Do you know who the questioner was? I

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said: Allah and His messenger know best. He said: That was Jibrīl (Gabriel), who came to you to teach you your religion”.

### Third fundamental principle

**To know about your Prophet Muhammad (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him)**, and he is Muhammad ibn `Abdullah ibn `Abd al-Muttalib ibn Hāshim, and Hāshim belonged to the Quraysh Tribe, and Quraysh is an Arab tribe. The Arabs are from the lineage of Ismā'il ibn Ibrāhim, the beloved friend of Allah – peace and blessings of Allah be upon him and our prophet -.

**He lived for sixty-three years** - forty before the mission of prophethood, and twenty-three a prophet and messenger -.

**His mission of prophethood started with Iqra**, and he became a messenger with (Sūrah) al-Muddath-thir, his homeland was Makkah.

**Allah sent him to warn against polytheism and call to Tawhīd (the oneness of Allah);** The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَدَّثِرُ \* قُمْ فَأَنْذِرْ \* وَرَبَّكَ فَكَبِّرْ \* وَثِيَابَكَ فَطَهِّرْ \* وَالرُّجْزَ فَاهْجُرْ \*  
وَلَا تَمْنُنْ تَسْتَكْثِرُ \* وَلِرَبِّكَ فَاصْبِرْ﴾

{O you covered [in your cloak]. Arise and warn. And proclaim the greatness of your Lord. And purify your garments. And shun idol worshiping. And do not do a favor for a greater return. And be patient for the sake of your Lord.}

{Arise and warn} means: warn people against polytheism and call them to the oneness of Allah.

{And proclaim the greatness of your Lord} means: glorify Him by His oneness.

{And purify your garments} means: purify your deeds from polytheism.

{And shun idol worshipping} means: abandon idols and their worshippers and disassociate yourself from them.

**He spent ten years** calling to the Oneness of Allah, and after that he was taken on a journey to the heaven, there, the five obligatory prayers were enjoined upon him. He prayed in Makkah for a period of three years, then he was commanded to migrate to Madīnah.

**Migration** is to move from the land of polytheism to the land of Islam.

**And Migration is an obligation** upon this nation to migrate from the land of polytheism to the land of Islam, and this obligation remains effective until the Hour comes.

The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَوَفَّيْنَاهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ ظَالِمِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ قَالُوا فِيمَ كُنْتُمْ قَالُوا كُنَّا مُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا أَلَمْ تَكُنْ أَرْضُ اللَّهِ وَاسِعَةً فَتُهَاجِرُوا فِيهَا فَأُولَئِكَ مَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَسَاءَتْ مَصِيرًا \* إِلَّا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ وَالنِّسَاءِ وَالْوِلْدَانِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ حِيلَةً وَلَا يَهْتَدُونَ سَبِيلًا \* فَأُولَئِكَ عَسَى اللَّهُ أَنْ يَعْفُو عَنْهُمْ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَفُوًّا غَفُورًا﴾

{When the angels take the souls of those who have wronged themselves, they will say, “What was the matter with you?” They will say, “We were oppressed in the land.” They will say, “Was not Allah’s earth spacious enough for you to migrate?” They are those whose refuge will be Hell – what a terrible destination! Except the helpless men, women, and children who have no means nor do they know where to go. They are those whom Allah may pardon, for Allah is Ever- Pardoning, All-Forgiving.}

And His, the Most High, saying:

﴿يَعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّ أَرْضِيَّ وَاسِعَةٌ فَإِيتَنِي فَاعْبُدُونِ﴾

{O My believing slaves, My earth is spacious, so worship Me alone.}

Al-Baghawiy - may Allah have mercy upon him - said: "This verse was revealed in relation to the Muslims who stayed in Makkah and did not migrate. Allah called them as His believing slaves."

The proof of emigration from the Sunnah; is the saying of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): "**Migration does not cease until repentance ceases, and repentance does not cease until the sun rises from the west**".

**When he (the Prophet) settled in Madīnah;** he was commanded to observe the rest of the ordinances of Islam - like Zakah (the compulsory alms), fasting, Hajj, Adhān (the call for prayers), Jihad (striving and fighting), enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil – He spent ten years in this.

**The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) passed away** but his religion has remained. And this is his religion, he has left no aspect of good except that he guided the nation to it, and no aspect of evil except that he warned (the nation) against it.

**The good that he guided to it:** is Tawhīd (the Oneness of Allah) and all that Allah loves and is pleased with.

**And the evil he warned against:** is polytheism and all that Allah dislikes and disapproves.

**Allah sent him to the entire mankind,** and made it obligatory on mankind and the jinn to obey him. The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿قُلْ يَٰأَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا﴾

{Say [O Prophet], “O people, I am the Messenger of Allah to you all.”}

**And Allah completed the religion through him;** The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا﴾

{Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen Islam as your religion.}

**The proof of his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) death;** is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِنَّكَ مَيِّتٌ وَإِنَّهُمْ مَيِّتُونَ \* ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ عِنْدَ رَبِّكُمْ تَخْتَصِمُونَ﴾

{You [O Prophet] will surely die, and they too will die. Then on the Day of Resurrection, you will dispute with one another before your Lord.}

**Mankind will be resurrected after their death;** The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿مِنْهَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ وَفِيهَا نُعِيدُكُمْ وَمِنْهَا نُخْرِجُكُمْ تَارَةً أُخْرَى﴾

{From this [earth] We created you, and to it We will return you, and from it We will raise you once again.}

And His, the Most High, saying:

﴿وَاللَّهُ أَنْبَتَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ نَبَاتًا \* ثُمَّ يُعِيدُكُمْ فِيهَا وَيُخْرِجُكُمْ إِخْرَاجًا﴾

{Allah has produced you from the earth like a plant. Then He will return you into it, and then will bring you out again.}

**And after resurrection**, they will be called to account and recompensed according to their deeds; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَلِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسَاءُوا بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا بِالْحُسْنَى﴾

{To Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth, so that He may recompense the evildoers for what they did, and reward those who do good with the best reward.}

**And denying the resurrection** is disbelief; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿زَعَمَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنْ لَنْ يُبْعَثُوا قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي لَتُبْعَثُنَّ ثُمَّ لَتُنَبَّؤُنَّ بِمَا عَمِلْتُمْ وَذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ﴾

{The disbelievers claim that they will never be resurrected. Say, “Yes, by my Lord, you will surely be resurrected, then you will surely be informed of what you did. And that is easy for Allah.”}

**Allah sent all the messengers** as bearers of glad tidings and as warners; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿رُسُلًا مُّبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى اللَّهِ حُجَّةٌ بَعْدَ الرُّسُلِ﴾

{These messengers were sent as bearers of glad tidings and as warners, so that the people may have no excuse before Allah after [the coming of] the messengers.}

**And the first of them (messengers)** was Nūh (peace be upon him).

**And the last of them (messengers)** was Muhammad (peace



and blessings of Allah be upon him), and he is the seal of the prophets, there is no prophet after him; the proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ﴾

{Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah and the seal of the prophets.}

And the proof that Nūh was the first of them (messengers) is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿إِنَّا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ كَمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى نُوحٍ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ﴾

{We have sent revelation to you [O Prophet] just as We revealed to Nūh and the prophets after him}

**And for every nation, Allah sent a messenger to them** - since the time of Nūh up to the time of Muhammad – commanding them to worship Allah alone and forbidding them against worshipping the false gods; The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ﴾

{Indeed, We sent to every community a messenger, [saying], “Worship Allah and shun false gods.”}

**Allah has enjoined upon all mankind:** to disbelieve in false gods and to believe in Allah.

Ibn al-Qayyim said - may Allah have mercy upon him - : “Tāghūt means everything which a slave goes beyond limits - whether in the field of worship, following, or obedience -”

**Tāghūts are many,** and the core ones among them are five: Iblees -may Allah curse him-, the one who is worshiped and he is

pleased with that, and the one who calls others to worship him, and the one who claims knowledge of the unseen, and the one who judges with other than what Allah has revealed.

The proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ

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{There is no compulsion in religion; the truth has been made distinct from falsehood. Whoever rejects Tāghūt [false gods] and believes in Allah, has indeed grasped the strong handhold that never breaks. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing}.

This is the very meaning of “There is no deity worthy of worship except Allah”. And in the Hadīth: “The core of this matter is Islam, and its pillar is the prayer, and its highest peak is Jihad in the cause of Allah”.

**And Allah knows best.**

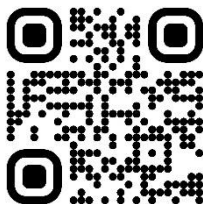
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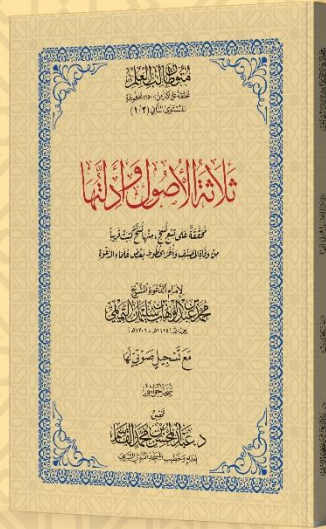
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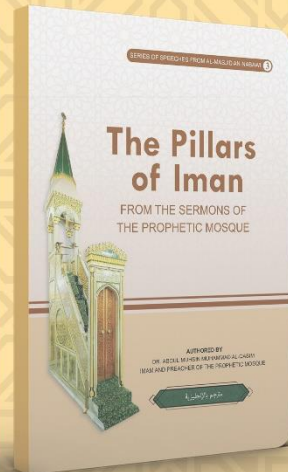
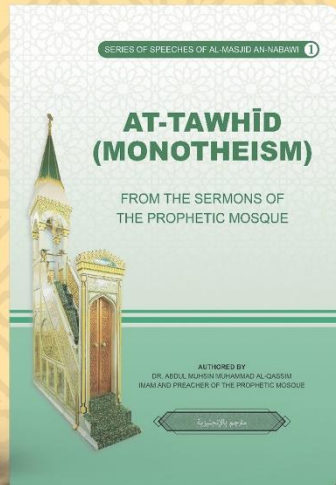
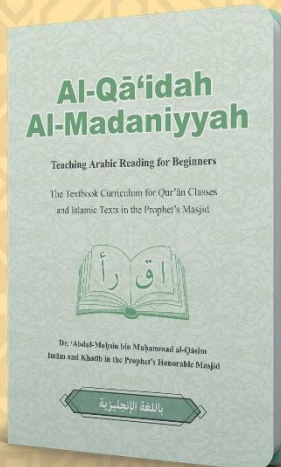


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