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Before coming to this existence, you were absolutely nothing, as Allah tells us: Does not man remember that We created him before, while he was nothing? (Maryam:67)

Subsequently, Allah created you from dust, then from a sperm, and

then there you were, hearing and seeing. He says: 1. Has there not been over man a period of time, when he was nothing to be mentioned? 2. Verily, We have created man from Nutfah drops of mixed semen (discharge of man and woman), in order to try him, so We made him hearer, seer. (Al-Insân or Ad-Dahr:1-2)

Next, you progressed from weakness to strength, and one day you will return to weakness. Allah says: Allâh is He Who created you in (a state of) weakness, then gave you strength after weakness, then after strength gave (you) weakness and grey hair. He creates what He wills. And it is He Who is the All¬-Knowing, the All¬-Powerful (i.e. Able to do all things). (Ar¬-Rûm:54)

Afterwards will come the end of which there is no doubt...Death!

Furthermore, at this point in your life you are in the final stages, moving from weakness to weakness. You cannot fend

off harm or bring any benefit to yourself unless you beseech Allah to send His blessings upon you, namely; ability, strength and sustenance. You are poor and are in need in terms of your natural disposition; for how many things are there that you need in order to retain your life,

but without His permission you will never be able to obtain them. If you are fortunate, you might acquire something once, but you certainly will be deprived



of it at a later stage, or at least deprived of something else. How many things are there which are of benefit to you and you need to have, things you might gain at one opportunity but lose at another. Moreover, how many things can harm and disappoint your hopes, waste your efforts and bring you adversity and diseases, things you want to fend off from vourself. You may succeed to fend them off one time, but fail another.

Don't you feel that you are totally dependent on and in need of Allah! Allah Almighty says: O mankind! it is you who stand in need of Allah.

> but Allâh is Rich (Free of all wants and needs), Worthy of all praise. (Fâtir or Al¬-Malâ'ikah:15)

Even a weak and minute virus which you cannot see with the naked eye confronts you so you fall sick and are not able to protect yourself from it. To add insult to injury, you go to a man who is as weak as you for treatment, expecting to be cured, as if the power lies in his hands. The medication does its trick and heals you once, but when you fall ill again the doctor cannot cure you because the medicine fails to work. Both the patient and the doctor are perplexed. How weak you are, O son of Adam!! Even if a fly snatches something away from you, you would never be able to take it back!!

Allah is most Truthful when He says: O mankind! A similitude has been coined, so listen to it (carefully): 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 snatched away a thing from them, the seeker and the sought. (Al-Hajj:73)



If you cannot take back what flies snatch away from you, then what can you control of your own affairs?! Your entire life and affairs, and your soul are in Allah's hand, and your heart is between two of His fingers; He turns it whatever side He wishes. Your life and death are in Allah's hand, your happiness and misery are also in His hand. Your movements and pauses and your words are done only with the permission and will of Allah. You do not move without his permission, nor do you do anything at all except by His will. If He leaves you to yourself to run your own affairs, He would leave you to inability, weakness, negligence, guilt and sin. In addition, if He leaves your affairs to be run by others, He would leave vou to someone who does not have the power to cause you harm, benefit, death, life or resurrect you. Thus, there is no way you can do without Allah, for even a blink of an eye. Indeed, you are in need of Him for every breath of air you take, both inwardly and outwardly. He bestows upon you His blessings, but you make Him displeased with you by committing sins and through disbelief, though you are in dire need of Him for everything. You have intentionally forgotten about Him, though you know that one day you shall inevitably return to Him, and between His hands you shall stand.

O man, because of your weakness and inability to bear the consequences of your sins, Allah wished to ease your affairs for you. He says: Allah wishes to lighten (the burden) for you; and man was created weak (cannot be patient to leave sexual intercourse with woman). (An-Nisâ':28)





Allah sent messengers, revealed the books, made legislations, set for you the straight path, and established proofs, arguments, testimonies and evidences, to the extent that He created in everything a proof of His Oneness, Lordship and Divinity. Nevertheless, you still find some people supporting falsehood against the truth, taking the devil and others as protectors instead of Allah, and arguing in favor of falsehood. And indeed We have put forth every kind of example in this Qur'ân, for mankind. But, man is ever more quarrelsome than anything. (Al-Kahf:54)

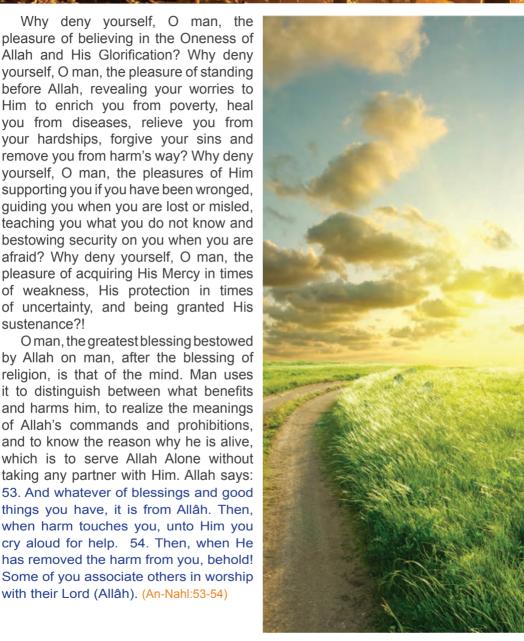
Do the blessings which Allah bestows upon you all the time make you forget what you were created from and to what you will return?! Remember that at first you were created from sperm, then that you will end in a hole in the ground, and after that Allah will resurrect you, either to Paradise or to Hell! Allah says: 77. Does not man see that We have created him from Nutfah (mixed male and female discharge semen drops). Yet behold! He (stands forth) as an open opponent. 78. And he puts forth for Us a parable, and forgets his own creation. He says: "Who will give life to these bones when they have rotted away and became dust?" 79. Say: (O Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam]) "He will give life to them Who created them for the first time! And He is the All-Knower of every creation!" (Yâ¬-Sîn:77-79)

He also says: 6. O man! What has made you careless concerning your Lord, the Most Generous? 7. Who created you, fashioned you perfectly, and gave you due proportion; (Al-Infitâr:6-7)

sustenance?!

Why deny yourself, O man, the pleasure of believing in the Oneness of Allah and His Glorification? Why deny yourself, O man, the pleasure of standing before Allah, revealing your worries to Him to enrich you from poverty, heal you from diseases, relieve you from your hardships, forgive your sins and remove you from harm's way? Why deny yourself, O man, the pleasures of Him supporting you if you have been wronged. guiding you when you are lost or misled. teaching you what you do not know and bestowing security on you when you are afraid? Why deny yourself, O man, the pleasure of acquiring His Mercy in times of weakness, His protection in times

O man, the greatest blessing bestowed by Allah on man, after the blessing of religion, is that of the mind. Man uses it to distinguish between what benefits and harms him, to realize the meanings of Allah's commands and prohibitions, and to know the reason why he is alive, which is to serve Allah Alone without taking any partner with Him. Allah says: 53. And whatever of blessings and good things you have, it is from Allâh. Then, when harm touches you, unto Him you cry aloud for help. 54. Then, when He has removed the harm from you, behold! Some of you associate others in worship with their Lord (Allâh). (An-Nahl:53-54)





A reasonable person loves what beautiful and dislikes what is trivial, moreover, he likes to follow the example of the pious and noble prophets and righteous men. His soul desires to be attached to them although he has not lived with them. The only way to achieve this is through what Allah guided us in the following ayah: Say (O Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam] to mankind): "If you (really) love Allâh then follow me (i.e. accept Islâmic Monotheism, follow the Qur'ân and the Sunnah). Allâh will love you and forgive you of your sins. And Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Âl-'Imrân:31)

If man truly follows the path of His guidance, Allah will grant him the company of the prophets and messengers, martyrs and the righteous. Allah says: And whoso obeys Allah and the Messenger (Muhammad SAW), then they will be in the company of those on whom Allah has bestowed His Grace, of the Prophets, the Siddiqun (those followers of the Prophets who were first and foremost to believe in them, like Abu Bakr As¬Siddiq radhiallahu'anhu), the martyrs, and the righteous.

And how excellent these companions are! (An-Nisâ':69)

I advise you, O man, to sit in seclusion and contemplate over the truth that has reached you. You should look into its evidence, and ponder over

He knows me more than I know myself

"The Qur'an, this noble book, strongly captivated me and overwhelmed my heart, and made me surrender to Allah. It pushes the reader a critical moment, such that it makes him feel as though he is standing in front of his Creator. And if you are sincere in reading the Quran, you will not be able to just casually read it, for it instructs you as it has a right over vou. It debates, criticizes, humbles, and challenges. From the outset it draws the line of battle, and I was on the other side. I was at a severe disadvantage, for it became clear that the Author knew me better than I knew myself. The Qur'an was always way ahead of my thinking; it was erasing barriers I had built years ago and was addressing my queries. Each night I would formulate questions and objections, and somehow discover the answer the next day as I continued reading. I had met myself in its pages."

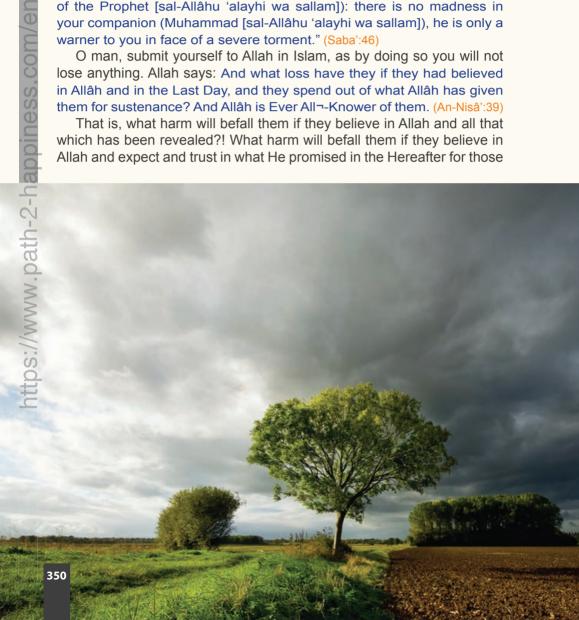


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its proofs. If you find out that it is the truth, then do not hesitate to follow it and do not be a prisoner of tradition and habit, and know that your soul is dearer to you than your peers, companions and your ancestor's legacy. Allah advised the disbelievers and also encouraged them to do this. The Almighty says: Say (to them O Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam]): "I exhort you on one (thing) only: that you stand up for Allâh's sake in pairs and singly, and reflect (within yourselves the life history of the Prophet [sal-Allâhu 'alavhi wa sallam]); there is no madness in your companion (Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam]), he is only a warner to you in face of a severe torment." (Saba':46)

O man, submit yourself to Allah in Islam, as by doing so you will not lose anything. Allah says: And what loss have they if they had believed in Allâh and in the Last Day, and they spend out of what Allâh has given them for sustenance? And Allâh is Ever All¬-Knower of them. (An-Nisâ':39)

That is, what harm will befall them if they believe in Allah and all that which has been revealed?! What harm will befall them if they believe in Allah and expect and trust in what He promised in the Hereafter for those





who do good deeds?! What harm will befall them if they spend from that which Allah has provided them in the ways loved and accepted by Him? Allah knows their intentions, both good and bad, and knows who of them deserves to be guided and thus grants him success, inspires him with guidance, and destines him to do virtuous actions which please Him. Allah also knows who of them deserve to be abandoned and expelled from His great divine presence; and he who is expelled from Allah's path will be disappointed and lost in this world and the Hereafter!

If you embrace Islam, it will not prevent you from eating anything you want to eat or doing anything you want to do which Allah has deemed lawful. Instead, Allah will reward you for every deed you do by which you seek the pleasure of the Almighty, even if it is a deed that increases your money, your wealth or your honor. You will even be rewarded for each morsel of food that you eat, if it is halaal, because Allah has commanded you to eat from the permissible food and to abandon the impermissible.

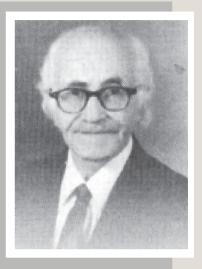
O man, the messengers of Allah brought you the truth and they conveyed Allah's message. Man needs to be acquainted with Allah's law to proceed in this life with insight and to be among the winners in the Hereafter. Allah says: O mankind! Verily, there has come to you the Messenger (Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam]) with the truth from your Lord, so believe in him, it is better for you. But if you disbelieve, then certainly to Allâh belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. And Allâh is Ever All¬-Knowing, All¬-Wise. (An-Nisâ':170)

The Most Exalted also says: Say: "O you mankind! Now truth (i.e. the Qur'ân and Prophet Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam]), has come to you from your Lord. So whosoever receives guidance, he does so for the good of his own self, and whosoever goes astray, he does so to his own loss, and I am not (set) over you as a Wakîl (disposer of affairs to oblige you for guidance)." (Yûnus:108)

If you, O man, become Muslim, you will only benefit yourself, and if you disbelieve you will also only harm yourself. Allah is free from need of His slaves, and sins committed by sinners do not harm Him, nor does the obedience done by the obedient benefit Him. He will not be disobeyed except with his knowledge and will not be obeyed without his permission. Allah says: Verily, proofs have come to you from your Lord,

so whosoever sees, will do so for (the good of) his ownself, and whosoever blinds himself, will do so to his own harm, and I (Muhammad [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam]) am not a watcher over you. (Al-An'âm:104)

It was conveyed to us by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) that Allah said: "O My servants! I have forbidden oppression for Myself, and I have made it forbidden amongst you, so do not oppress one another. O My servants, all of you are astray except those whom I have guided, so seek quidance from Me and I shall quide you. O My servants, all of you are hungry except those whom I have fed, so seek food from Me and I shall feed you. O My servants, all of you are naked except those whom I have clothed, so seek clothing from Me and I shall clothe you. O My servants, you commit sins by day and by night, and I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness from Me and I shall forgive you. O My servants, you will not attain harming Me so as to harm Me, and you will not attain benefiting Me so as to benefit Me. O My servants, if the first of you and the last of you, and the humans of you and the jinn of you were all as pious as the most pious heart of any individual amongst you, then this would not increase My Kingdom by an iota. O My servants, if the first of you and the last of you, and the humans of you and the jinn of you, were all as wicked as the most wicked heart of



The depths of western civilization

"One who goes into the depths of the western civilization, and realizes what it has between its folds, and examines it thoroughly, theoretically and practically, must submit, as a result of a strong latent psychological inward force, to the fountain of the Islamic faith to quench his thirst from it. "

Naseem Sousa

Iraqi Jewish Lecturer



any individual amongst you, then this would not decrease My Kingdom by an iota. O My servants, if the first of you and the last of you, and the humans of you and the jinn of you, were to all stand together in one place and ask of Me, and I were to give everyone what he requested, then that would not decrease what I possess, except what is decreased of the ocean when a needle is dipped into it. O My servants, it is but your deeds that I will take into account for you, and then recompense you for. Therefore, he who finds good, let him praise Allah, and he who finds other than that, let him blame no one but himself." [Muslim]

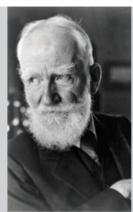
This, O man, is the path. There is no other path that leads to happiness in this world and the Hereafter. The other paths are paths of wretchedness and loss. Allah says: "And verily, this (i.e. Allâh's Commandments mentioned in the above two Verses 151 and 152) is my Straight Path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away from His Path. This He has ordained for you that you may become Al-Muttaqûn (the pious - see V.2:2)." (Al-An'âm:153)

Whoever takes this path achieves happiness, while whoever takes the other paths loses his way and departs from the path of Allah; he will never be able to reach happiness if he continues thereon.



The foundations of peace and happiness

"At present, Europe has started to feel the wisdom of Muhammad and accept his religion, as it will likewise exonerate Islam from the false accusations of European medieval ecclesiastics. Therefore, it is possible to confirm my prediction by saying that the religion of Islam will inevitably be accepted in Europe in the near future. I believe that if such a man like Muhammad was given authority over the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring the much needed peace and happiness."



Bernard Shaw

English Writer

This is the Path

It is the path, which is known to all those who are reasonable and fair. Even though some may deny it publicly, they know that this is the path to eternal bliss. They are similar to those who denied the Prophet-hood of Moses (pbuh) despite his miracles, and thus Allah says the following about them: And they belied them (those Ayât) wrongfully and arrogantly, though their ownselves were convinced thereof [i.e. those (Ayât) are from Allâh, and Mûsa (Moses) is the Messenger of Allâh in truth, but they disliked to obey Mûsa (Moses), and hated to believe in his Message of Monotheism]. So see what was the end of the Mufsidûn (disbelievers, disobedient to Allâh, evil-doers, liars.) (An-Naml:14)

Many fair-minded and wise people, even those that do not embrace Islam, know that this is the only path that achieves the happiness of all mankind in both worlds.

This is the path recognized by all those who are free and brave, and those who have the courage to state their opinions, despite restrictions and persecution. They do not fear their selves, other people, or what is new. They do not fear propaganda and previous mental images; in fact nothing prevents such people from embracing this religion. How many a people were prevented by their cowardice, relations, social ties, and fear of commitment from proceeding on the path to happiness? Allah says: so fear them not, but fear Me, if you are (true) believers. (Ål-'Imrân:175)

This is the path... Yes, this is the path to happiness, the path of dignity, compassion, knowledge, civilization and of good morals, though it contains calamities, which is the nature of life and a form of sifting of those walking on it; sifting those who are true from those who are false. Allah says: 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. (Al-Mulk:2)

This is the path on which prophets and messengers walked before us, and on which noble companions and those who closely followed them in truth from all tribes, races and languages walked. It is the path which will prevail and lead in the near future. The Prophet (pbuh) said: "This matter will spread as far as night and day reach. Town dwellers or nomads will all follow this religion, voluntarily and glorified (glorified by Allah because they assume the responsibility of the mission) or coercively and humiliated (when they humiliate themselves by giving in to their desires and recklessness)." [Ahmad] Thus. O man, be with the noble crowd walking on this path of eternal happiness.

This is the path. ..and this is success... and this is happiness... that overwhelms the heart of those walking on this path. Therefore, take the path to happiness and do not deny this privilege to your soul nor treat it unjustly, for treating one's soul unjustly is a grave matter. Allah says: Whoever works righteousness, whether



It captivates hearts

"Having examined the different religions in the world, I came to the conclusion that Islam is the only religion which has an impact on those who believe in it as well as those who do not believe in it. The greatest virtue of Islam is that it spontaneously captivates the hearts of human beings. For this you find in Islam strange magic and a great attraction that entices those non-Muslims with great open minds."

Mary Oliver
American Poet



Join the caravan

"The effortless spread of Islam is one of its characteristics throughout history, because it is the religion of the human natural disposition revealed to the heart of the Prophet."

Dr. Murad Hofmann

The eternal project

"Islam is the alternative life with an eternal project that never wears off or has an end to its validity. If someone sees it as old, it is also modern and futuristic.



not limited by either time or place, for Islam is not an intellectual wave or a fashion, and it can wait... Do not rule out the fact that the East will return to lead the world culturally, for the saying: 'light comes from the East' is still a true one."

Murad Hofmann German Ambassador

Fill the spiritual vacuum

"In a special moment in my life, God bestowed His Wide Knowledge and Mercy over me, after I had suffered



much agony and pain, and after finding the great readiness to fill the spiritual vacuum in myself; I became a Muslim. Before Islam, I did not know in my life the meaning of love. When I read the Qur'an, however, I felt an overwhelming large outpouring of compassion and kindness. I began to feel the everlastingness of love in my heart. What led me to Islam is the love of God which cannot be resisted."

Jeffrey Lang

American Mathematician

male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islâmic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter). (An-Nahl:97)

This is the path... keep to it, and enjoy being on it. Live your worldly life with overwhelming happiness. tranquility and comfort. And do not forget, that which Allah has is better and more lasting, and that comfort in the Afterlife is the eternal. comfort. Our God and Lord made the path to happiness one through which contentment is attainted in this world and the Hereafter, and He, on the other hand, placed in the many other paths misery in this world and the Hereafter. He says: 124. "But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'an nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection." 125. He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)." (Tâ¬-Hâ: 124-125)

He also says: (Allâh) will say: "Like this, Our Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e. you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allâh's Mercy)." (Tâ¬-Hâ: 126)

Beware of forgetting about or neglecting this path...for it is the path to happiness.

This is the path... It is an easy path that begins with believing in the Oneness of Allah in the heart and putting that into action through physical deeds, and also believing in all the prophets and messengers, and it ends with eternal happiness in the Hereafter. It begins with uttering the two Shahadas (Ash-hadu Ana La ilahaila Allah wa Ash-hadu Ana MuhammadanRasulullah II bear witness that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah]), and ends with happiness when the believers will behold the face of Allah in His paradise in the company of His Messenger (pbuh). So say now: Ash-hadu Ana La ilahaila Allah wa Ash-hadu Ana MohammadanRasulullah... and live your life happily, die happily, and be resurrected from your grave happily to enter the Jannat (Paradise) of immortality and happiness ... This is the path...if you do not take it, then the messenger's duty is only to clearly convey the message, for Allah Almighty says: "So if you turn away, still I have conveyed the Message with which I was sent to you. My Lord will make another people succeed you, and you will not harm Him in the least. Surely, my Lord is Guardian over all things." (Hûd:57)

There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.



"If you know God and believe in his existence, Islam tells you that God is closer to you than your jugular vein. There is no need then for a mediator between you and your Creator, nor is there a need to confess to a priest for God to accept your repentance, or a temple so that worship is performed nowhere else but inside it."

Donald Rockwell

American Poet