

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO TABLEEGH



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Humble Request

We begin in the name of Allah (SWT) Lord of the heavens and the earth, perfect from any defects, giver of good and bad.

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We write this book, asking forgiveness for any errors that could have been made due to the weakness of man. Please forgive us for our shortcomings, as the human race was made weak. We recite this following verse to Allah (SWT) to pardon us:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِن نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا

“O our Rabb (Lord), do not take us to task if we forget or make mistakes”

Surah Baqarah - Verse 286

We ask the reader that if mistakes are found, then please do not hesitate or feel reluctant to inform us, so that further corrections and alterations can be made in the editions to come in the future In-shaa-Allah. If the reader has in mind any dedicated scholars or professional proof readers who are prepared to support, rectify and help us in this field to help spread the knowledge of deen to the four corners of the world, then your views will be very much appreciated.

We ask humbly that Allaah (SWT) accepts this minute effort of ours and we pray that Allaah (SWT) bestows us with the ability to preach and practice Islam, so that we can be amongst the people of true believers who receive our records of deeds in our right hand, ultimately entering Jannat-ul-Firdaus without reckoning. Aameen.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

As the blazing inferno of the sinful world overshadows us, the drought ridden field of the ummah yearns to be quenched with merciful clouds of Islam.

We are living in a time when most turn to created materialistic things rather than the Creator. Entertainment is given priority over deen. Shayateen have become role models, rather than the best of creation, the mercy of the worlds, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

The need for Da'wah continues to increase, the sacred struggle that has been the highlight of all previous Ambiyaa (AS). Not only does it extinguish the flame of evil, but it also waters the tree of Islam, benefitting foremost those involved.

It is through the infinite mercy of Allah (SWT) that this effort has delivered the fruits of Islam to the far flagged areas of the world. As this requires practical form, a simplified theoretical guide, in light of the Quran and sunnah, has been prepared for those beginners who wish to take part in this rewarding method of reviving our peaceful deen of Islam. Please bear in mind as this is a physical movement, it can only be fully understood by spending time in the path of Allah.

We pray that Allah (SWT) will bring benefit to the entire ummah through this work and preserve it as a perpetuating charity for us, the sinful souls who seek more than anything...His forgiveness and mercy.

Ameen

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INTENTIONS

The intentions one should have whilst doing the work of da'wah

- 1) For the pleasure of Allah (SWT)
- 2) For self-rectification
- 3) To acquire different qualities from people
- 4) To develop the same worry and concern our Prophet (SAW) had for his ummah
- 5) Make oneself obedient to the laws of Shari'ah and not follow one's desires

The intentions one should make before going out in the path of Allah (SWT)

- 1) To gain the pleasure of Allah (SWT)
- 2) To learn the deen of Allah (SWT)
- 3) Self-rectification and guidance

How to benefit when one goes out in the path of Allah (SWT)

To gain the full benefit from jamaat one should try to observe the following things:

- 1) Ikhlaas (Sincerity)
- 2) Obedience of the ameer (leader)
- 3) Mashwarah (Consultation)
- 4) Completing the following tasks :

8 Ijtimaee (collective) tasks

- 1) Mashwarah (Consultation)
- 2) Salaah with congregation
- 3) Ta'leem
- 4) Jawlah
- 5) Bayaan
- 6) Eating
- 7) Sleeping
- 8) Travelling

8 infiradi (Individual) tasks

- 1) Da'wah
- 2) Quraan recitation
- 3) Tasbeehat
- 4) Individual taleem
- 5) Du'a
- 6) Optional salaah
- 7) Ikhlaas (Sincerity)
- 8) Mashwarah (Consultation)

MASHWARAH (CONSULTATION)

Why do we do Mashwarah?

1) It is an order of Allah (SWT)

وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ

(Surah Al-Imran, Verse 159)

2) It is a sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

eg 1) Prisoners of Badr

2) Digging the trench (Khandaq)

3) It was the practice of the sahaba (RA)

eg 1) Compilation of the Quraan

Objective of Mashwarah

1) To help increase the imaan in the locality of the mosque

2) To encourage people in the locality to spend time in the path of Allah (SWT)

3) To ensure that the brothers in jamaat do not waste time. Rather, work to be productive and efficient

Dua to recite before the Mashwarah

اللَّهُمَّ أَلْهَمْنِي رُشْدِي وَأَعِزَّنِي مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِي

(Tirmizi)

Etiquettes of Mashwarah

T - TAQAAZAH (Needs). Aim should be to fulfil the need of the work

R - RIGHT. The ameer should start off by taking opinions from his right side

O - OBJECTION. One should not raise objections on others opinions if it is not against the laws of Shari'ah

P - PROUD. One should not feel proud or boast over his opinion

I - INSISTENCE. One should not insist in his opinion

C - CHOICE. The choice and final decision rests with the ameer

CRITICISE. One should not criticise and degrade others opinions

A - AMEER. An ameer must be appointed for all affairs in jamaat

L - LOW TONE. Opinions are to be given with love, consideration and humility

TA'LEEM

Why do we do taleem?

- 1) It is an order to seek for increase in knowledge
- 2) It is an activity that used to take place in the Masjid Nabwi at the time of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

Objective of taleem

- 1) To listen to promises and punishments continuously so it can leave an effect in our hearts
- 2) To bridge the gap between knowledge and action
- 3) To create interest in doing good deeds after listening to its virtues
- 4) To create a desire in the hearts of people for good deeds

Virtues of taleem

- 1) Gatherings of taleem and zikr are known as the gardens of Paradise
- 2) Special angels are appointed to search for these gatherings to come and join in

Etiquettes of taleem

- 1) Performing wudhu before sitting in these gatherings
- 2) Applying perfume
- 3) Performing two rakaats of nafl salaah
- 4) Sitting and listening attentively
- 5) Reciting the durood on hearing the name of Muhammad (SAW)
- 6) Sitting from beginning till the end
- 7) Making firm intention to act upon whatever is read

4 Important 'T' points regarding Taleem

TAZEEM: Showing full respect

TASDEEQ: Having firm belief

TA'MEEL: To put words into action

TABLEEGH: To propagate

There are 3 parts to taleem

- 1) Reading from every chapter from the 'Book of Virtues'
- 2) Forming small groups to recite the last 10 surahs with tajweed
- 3) Revising the six points

ETIQUETTES OF JAWLAH (GASHT)

What to mention in adab of Jawlah (gasht)

- 1) The ehmiyat (importance) of Jawlah
- 2) The fazilat (virtue) of Jawlah
- 3) The etiquettes of Jawlah

An Example

Dear respected brothers, Alhamdu lil-lah, Allah tala has given us this opportunity to take a bit of our time out to act upon the sunnah of not only the Prophet(SAW), but the sunnah of all the prophets. All the the prophets called their nation towards Allah tala and gave dawaah. All the prophets used such a method that they would go to each and everyone individually and call them towards Allah tala. This is called the infiradi dawaah and there are many examples of this in the quraan.

Nuh (AS) called his nation for 950 years towards Allah tala.

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا (٥)

5. "He said, 'Oh my Rabb! Indeed I called my people (to tawheed) day and night."

(Surah Nooh - Verse 5)

ثُمَّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جَهَارًا (٨)

ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَأَسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ إِسْرَارًا (٩)

8. "I then called to them publicly (In a gathering)
9. "... and explained (the deen) to them openly and privately."

(Surah Nooh - Verse 8 & 9)

Yusuf (AS) called towards the oneness of Allah tala whilst he was in the prison.

يَا صَاحِبِي السِّجْنِ أَرَبَابٌ مُتَفَرِّقُونَ خَيْرٌ أَمْ اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهَّارُ (٣٩)

39. "O my two prison companions! Are numerous gods better or Allah, who is the One and The Almighty?"

(Surah Yusuf - Verse 29)

Musa (AS) called Fir'oun (Pharoah) towards Allah tala

قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ وَمَا رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ (٢٣)

قَالَ رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ مُوقِنِينَ (٢٤)

23. Fir'oun said, "What is the rabb of the universe?"

24. He (Musa AS) said, "The rabb of the heavens, the earth and whatever is between the two; if you will be convinced."

(Surah Shurah - Verse 24)

Ibrahim(AS) called his father towards Allah tala.

يَا أَبَتِ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْكَ شَيْئًا (٤٢)

43. "O my father! Why do you worship things (idols) that cannot hear, cannot see and cannot be of any assistance to you."

(Surah Maryam - Verse 42)

Ismail(AS) called his family towards Allah tala.

وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا (٥٥)

55. he used to instruct his family to perform salaah and to pay zakaah and he was beloved to his rabb.

(Surah Maryam - Verse 55)

Similarly, our Prohet(SAW) was also told to call people towards Allah tala.

يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ (١) قُمْ فَأَنْذِرْ (٢) وَرَبَّكَ فَكَبِّرْ (٣)

1. O you wrapped in a blanket. 2. Stand up and warn (them about Allah's punishment for rejecting Imaan).

(Surah Mudatthir - Verse 1 -3)

He was told to call his relatives.

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ

"(O Rasulullah! First) Warn your closest relatives."

(Surah Shu'ra - Verse 214)

So, the Prophet (SAW) called his relatives and then the people of Makkah towards Allah tala. When people rejected the Prophet (SAW) in Makkah he went to Taif to give dawaah. He was also rejected from there and was pelted by ill behaved people and left. The Prophet (SAW) did not give up and migrated to Madinah and gave dawaah there. The Prophet (SAW) got the sahaba (RA) ready to carry out this work. Now Allah tala has given us the ability to carry out this act which is known as the backbone of this effort. Inshallah now we will go around the locality to meet our muslim brothers, but before we go out we have to follow a few etiquettes and try to do it according to the sunnah so we can gain the most benefit from this act.

The etiquettes of JAWLAH

- 1) Groups will consist of no less than 3 people and no more than 10 people.
- 2) Each group will have an (i) ameer (ii) a guide and (iii) a speaker.
(i) The responsibility of the ameer is to make sure the jamaat is engaged in zikr, fikr.
(ii) The guide (preferably the local brother) will guide the jamaat to the houses. (iii) The speaker will give a talk, not too short like an announcement and not too long like a speech.
- 3) Make dua before going out to ask Allah for help and to make it easy for us.
- 4) The jamaat should walk in twos, on the right hand side, controlling their gazes, reading the third kalimaah and removing any harmful objects from the path as this is sadaqaah.
- 5) When we reach the house we knock 3 times.
- 6) If a male opens the door we should try and give da'wah for a few minutes, We do not look into the house whilst doing this. If a female opens the door we do NOT give her da'wah, instead we leave a message for what we had come for.
- 7) We return seeking forgiveness.

An example of what to say when going out and meeting a brother in Jawlah

“Assalamu-alikum W.W. My name is Umar, We are just going around to meet Muslim brothers to remind one another the purpose of our life, It comes in the Quraan

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

that reminding one another benefits a believer. And for this reminder Allah tala sent approx 124 000 prophets to the world. Our Prophet (SAW) also was sent down for this purpose. He reminded the ummah to worship the only One Allah and act upon what he has told us through his book and the prophet, Then only we will be successful, We think that success is in this world but Allah explained in the Quraan

فَمَنْ زُجِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ

That whosoever is saved from the fire of hell and entered into Paradise is successful. And We all know that we will die. After 100 years we wont be left here. And the only thing that will help us is the good deeds. So we try to do as many good deeds as possible, So, regarding this, after the Asr salaah there will be a small talk on imaan and yaqeen. Insha'Allah If you could make it there for Asr Inshallah it will be very beneficial for you in this world and the hereafter.

Jazakallah for your time. Assalamualikum.

SIX POINTS

Allah has blessed us with the beautiful religion of Islam. Our success in this life and the hereafter lies in practicing Islam completely. Our Prophet (SAW) was sent down as a guide to mankind. The people that followed him and met him in the state of Imaan, are known to us as "Sahabah". These Sahabah had many qualities which were present all throughout their lives. However, there were some common qualities which were present in ALL the Sahabah. If we bring these few qualities into our lives then it will be easy for us to practice complete Islam.

What to mention for each point

For each point remember P.V.I.

P = Purpose

V = Virtue

I = Implementation

1) Firm faith in the Kalimah

PURPOSE:

We need to realize that Allah is the creator and controller of everything. The owner of all treasures, Sustainer of all the worlds and can do everything without the help of His creation.

Finally Muhammad (SAW) is the final messenger and there is no prophet to follow him. Our complete success in both worlds lies in following the Sunnah of Rasulullah (SAW), which is part of the core foundation.

VIRTUES:

It is narrated in a Hadith:

"He who says La ilaha illallah, it shall be a means of salvation for him though before that he may be afflicted by what is to befall him". (tabrani)

IMPLEMENT:

Always remember (D.D.M.) D; Dawah, D; Dua, M; Mushq (practice)

1) Recite the Kalimah correctly.

2) Understand the meaning of this Kalimah.

3) Give Dawah towards Imaan, make dua for the reality of Imaan and the mushq is to utilise our eyes, ears etc. and ponder over the greatness of Allah.

2) SALAAH

PURPOSE:

We should try to pattern our salaah with the salaah of the Sahabah (RA) so that our 24-hour life follows the quality of Salaah. Through our Salaah we should be able to gain from the treasures of Allah tala. The sahabah (RA) would solve all their problems through salaah.

VIRTUES:

It is narrated in a hadith.:

“The comfort of my eyes has been placed in salaah.” (Nasaee)

IMPLEMENT: (D.D.M)

- 1) Give dawah towards salaah.
- 2) Supplicate to Allah for the reality of salaah.
- 3) Mashq (Practice): Read long optional salaah and try to create sincerity and devotion in our salaah. We try to read our salaah with all the sunnats and etiquettes.

3) Ilm and Zikr

ILM

PURPOSE:

Everyone should have sufficient knowledge as to distinguish between halaal and haraam, and things that are permissible and non-permissible, And to know what is right and wrong and to be aware of the order and commandments of Allah (SAW) all the time so he can live his daily life.

VIRTUES:

It is narrated in a hadith:

“The best amongst you is he who learns the quran and teaches it” (Tirmizi)

IMPLEMENT: (D.D.M.)

- 1) Give dawah towards acquiring knowledge.
- 2) Supplicate to Allah for the reality of Knowledge.
- 3) Mashq: Learn the virtues of acquiring knowledge: This can be obtained in the halqaa of taleem, also learn the everyday masa'il (laws) by going to the ulamaa.

ZIKR

PURPOSE:

To obtain this realisation and to be aware that Allah is watching us 24/7.

VIRTUES:

It is narrated in a Hadith:

“One who remembers Allah taala excessively is freed from hypocrisy.”

(Tabrani)

IMPLEMENT:(D.D.M.)

1) Dawah of zikr.

2) Dua for reality of zikr.

3) Mashq (Practice): We do our daily tasbeehat in the morning and evening.

(1) 3rd Kalimah (2) Durud Shareef (3) Istighfaar. We also try to read 1 juz of the holy Quran and be punctual in the morning and evening dua's.

4) Ikraam-ul-muslimeen (Honouring a Muslim)

PURPOSE:

The purpose is to have full respect for all Muslim brothers because they have the Kalimaah in their heart and one should suppress his needs to fulfil the needs of others.

VIRTUES:

It is narrated in a Hadith:

“Anyone who consoles an afflicted person will have a reward equivalent to his.”

(Tirmizi)

IMPLEMENT: (D.D.M.)

1) Dawah of Ikraam.

2) Dua for reality of ikraam.

3) Mushq: One should fulfill his obligation towards his wife, Children parents and neighbours etc. and respect the elders and the ulamaa and have mercy on the young ones, One should also try his best to improve his characters in every way.

5) Ikhlaas-un-niyyah (Sincerity)

PURPOSE:

Whatever we do, We do it only for the pleasure of Allah tala. We should not do any action for anyone or for name and fame.

VIRTUES:

It is narrated in a hadith:

“Undoubtedly upon resurrection people will be treated according to the intentions.” (Ibne majah)

IMPLEMENT: (D.D.M.)

- 1) Dawah of Sincerity.
- 2) Supplicate to Allah for the reality of sincerity.
- 3) Practice checking our intentions in the beginning, middle, and end of every action. Also practice all action according to the way shown by the Prophet (SAW).

6) Tableegh (strive for deen)

PURPOSE:

One should use the health, wealth and the time Allah has given in the path of Allah, primarily for self-rectification and propagate deen as a follower of our beloved prophet (SAW).

VIRTUES:

It is narrated in a Hadith:

“He who suffers a headache in the path of Allah and hopes for a reward then all his past sins are forgiven. (Tabrani)

IMPLEMENT: (D.D.M.)

- 1) Give dawah on going out in the path of Allah.
- 2) Dua for the reality of tableegh.
- 3) Mashq: Spend 4 months at the first opportunity, 40 days per year, and the 5 local efforts ie. 3 days a month 2 Jawlah per week (one in our own locality and one in the neighbourhood locality), 2 taleem daily (one in the mosque and one at home), the daily mushwerah and minimum of two and a half hours daily.

PRINCIPLES OF DAWAH

4 ACTIONS WE SHOULD DO MORE

1) DA'WAH

- A) UMOOMI DA'WAH: This is done at any time and it mostly takes place in jawlah
- B) KUSUSI DAWAH: this is given to professionals, senior workers, and people of status etc
- C) INFIRADI DA'WAH: Individual da'wah
- D) IJTIMAI DA'WAH: Collective da'wah eg. bayans

2) TALEEM AND TA'LLUM (LEARNING AND TEACHING)

- A) INFIRADI TALEEM: Memorizing the saying of the prophet (SAW)
- B) IJTIMAI TALEEM: collectively this consists of taleem in masjid and taleem at home

3) ZIKR AND IBADAAT

- A) 3RD kalimah
- B) Durud shareef
- C) Istigfaar
- D) Quraan recitation

4) KHIDMAT

- A) Khidmat of the ameer saab
- B) Khidmat of the Jamaat
- C) Khidmat of the people in the locality
- D) Khidmat of yourself

4 ACTIONS WE SHOULD DO LESS

- 1) Less time for eating
- 2) Less time for sleeping
- 3) Less time for frivolous talk
- 4) Less time outside the Masjid

4 ACTIONS WE SHOULD NOT DO

- 1) Asking verbally
- 2) Desiring by the heart
- 3) Extravagance
- 4) Using someone's belongings without permission

4 THINGS NOT TO DISCUSS IN TALKS

- 1) Politics
- 2) Defects of Muslims
- 3) Differences of opinion between the imaams
- 4) Arguments

4 THINGS TO WORK HARD ON

- 1) On your Imaan
- 2) On your companions
- 3) On the locality
- 4) On asking from Allah

5 METHODS FOR UNITY

- 1) Salaam
- 2) Ikraam
- 3) Gifts
- 4) Du'a
- 5) Praising another in his absence

5 POINTS THAT BRINGS DISUNITY

- 1) Tanqees: Looking at the faults of one another
- 2) Tanqeed: Criticism
- 3) Tardeed: To refuse to listen to the opinions of a brother
- 4) Taqabul: To compete
- 5) Tahqeer: To degrade others

5 THINGS THAT SHOULD BE PRESENT IN OUR SELF

- 1) Taqwa (Piety)
- 2) Tawazu (Humbleness)
- 3) Ikhlas (Sincerity)
- 4) Tawakul (Dependance)
- 5) Tahammul (Tolerance)

SAMPLE BAYAAN

الحمد لله و الصلوة و السلام على عباده الذين اصطفى أما بعد

My dear respected brothers and elders,

Alhamdulillah, it is a great blessing of Allah (SWT) that, upon making us Muslims, and making us from amongst the best of all nations, He has also given us the ability to sit in such a blessed gathering where by just sitting our sins are forgiven.

My brothers! Everything that we see in this world, has a purpose. For instance, take a look at a car, It has been created to take a person from one place to another. This car can only be useful if it fulfills the purpose it was created for.

So, my brothers, what purpose have human beings been created for? Allah says in the Quran,

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

“we have not created man and jinn but for worship”

(Surah Dhaariyaat - Verse 56)

So this is the purpose of human beings. Of what use is a human if he does not worship Allah (swt). If we fulfill the purpose of life then Allah (swt) will be pleased with us in this world and the hereafter and enter us into paradise through his sheer mercy inshallah.

And to explain this very purpose of life Allah (swt) has sent approximately 124,000 prophets to this world for the guidance of mankind. All the prophets came with the very same message.

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ

“Undoubtedly We sent Nooh A.S. to his nation and he told them.”

فَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ

“O my people, Worship only Allah.”

(Surah A'raaf - Verse 59)

وَإِلَىٰ عَادٍ أَخَاهُمْ هُودًا

“To the nation of Aad We sent their brother hood.”

قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ

“He told them. ”O my people, Worship only Allah.”

(Surah A'raaf - Verse 65 & 66)

وَإِلَىٰ ثَمُودَ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا

“To the nation of Thamud We sent their brother Salih(A.S.)”

قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ

“He told them. ”O my people, Worship only Allah.”

(Surah A'raaf - Verse 73)

وَإِلَىٰ مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا

“To Madyan We sent their brother Shu'uayb (A.S)”

قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ

“He told them. ”O my people, Worship only Allah.”

(Surah A'raaf - Verse 85)

And the Prophet Muhammed (s.a.w) was sent for the same purpose. The Prophet (s.a.w) gave dawat and propagated the kalimah.

And said “ لا اله الا الله ” and you will be succesful”.

And called them towards Islam to such an extent that the people accepted Islam, and became known as the sahabah, regarding whom Allah (swt) says in the Quran,

رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ

“Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah”

(Surah Bayyinah- Verse 8)

This is because they had realised who Allah (swt) is, and that is exactly what we need to do, we need to realise who Allah (swt) is. We have forgotten our creator which is why acting upon the commandments of Allah has become extremely hard. Who is Allah (swt)? Allah (swt) is that being, that does each and every thing as he desires,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْعَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ

“Indeed, Allah does as he pleases”

(Surah Hajj- Verse 18)

He is that being that gives life and death,

هُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ فَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ

“it is Allah who gives life and death. When he desires a matter, all he has to say is “be” and it becomes”

(Surah Al-Mu'min - Verse 68)

He is that being, besides whom none other deserves to be worshipped.

Because everything that we see is the creation of Allah (swt). The sun, the moon, the stars. Allah (swt) says in the Quran,

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

“indeed your Rabb is Allah, who has created the heavens and the earth in six days and then turned his attention towards the throne. He covers the day with the night, each one hurrying to follow the other, the sun, moon and stars are all under his command. All the creation and command belong to him, blessed is Allah, the Rabb of the universe”

(Surah A'raaf - Verse 54)

My brothers! Allah (swt) creates things from nothing to something like this universe and like the way he created us. Allah (swt) says,

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ سَلَالَةٍ مِنْ طِينٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُطْفَةً فِي قَرَارٍ مَكِينٍ

“we have certainly created man from a product of clay. Thereafter we placed him in a safe lodging (the womb) as a drop of fluid”

(Surah Mu'minoon - Verse 12-13)

ثُمَّ خَلَقْنَا النُّطْفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْعَلَقَةَ مُضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا الْمُضْغَةَ عِظَامًا فَكَسَوْنَا الْعِظَامَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا آخَرَ فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ

“thereafter, we made the drop of fluid into a clot of blood, then the clot of blood into a lump of flesh, then the lump of flesh into bones, after which we dressed the bones in flesh, we made him into another type of creation, so blessed is Allah, the best of all creators”

(Surah Mu'minoon - Verse 14)

My brothers, no other being can create anything from nothing. So we need to ponder over these ayaat and recognize Allah (swt) so it becomes easy to act upon deen.

And after coming to this world Allah (swt) says,

ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ لَمَيِّتُونَ

“thereafter you will definitely die”

(Surah Mu'minoon - Verse 15)

ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ تُبْعَثُونَ

“then you will be resurrected on the day of judgement”

(Surah Mu'minoon - Verse 16)

So my brothers, before this time comes we have to please Allah (saw) and spend time according to the commands of Allah (saw) the way shown to us by the prophet s.a.w. and to please and recognize Allah is no easy task, sacrifice will have to be made. This deen will only come to us through sacrifice. The way the sahabah made sacrifices. They migrated from Makkah to Madinah for the sake of this deen. Because of their sacrifices Allah (swt) has said regarding them,

رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ

(Surah Bayyinah- Verse 8)

That is why the prophet s.a.w and his companions are perfect role models for each and everyone of us.

So my brothers, this deen has reached us through hardship and sacrifice and through migrating from one place to another, and now it is our responsibility to spread this deen. That is why we have been called the best of all nations. The sahabah done this, so the help of Allah (swt) came to them, because Allah (swt) has promised us his help.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ

(Surah Muhammad Verse 7)

The help of Allah (swt) came to the sahabah at the time of Badr, when they were just over 300 against over a thousand polytheists of Makkah. Still, Allah (swt) gave them victory. The rivers and the seas were under their command. They got help from Allah (swt) at all times. So if we want the help

of Allah (swt) we have to make some sacrifices. Our health, wealth and belongings are all from Allah (swt), so we have to sacrifice all these things in the path of Allah (swt). We should take the chance we have been given and go out in the path of Allah (swt) and please Allah (swt). So my brothers, for Allah (swt) everyone give intentions for 40 days, 10 days or whatever we can give, give intentions.

GREATNESS OF ALLAH (SWT)

My dear respected brothers, Allah swt has created the entire universe and everything that exists is in the hands of Allah swt, the sun the moon, the stars, the mountains the rivers, the oceans.

Everything that happens is due to the will of Allah, the sun cannot rise without the will of Allah, it cannot set without the will of Allah, the winds that blow, the rivers that flow, the flowers that blossom, all happen by the command of Allah.

The sun has appointed places, it rises from a different point and sets in a different point everyday, but when the 13th of March will return again, the sun shall rise from exactly the same point as it did the previous year, in one ayah Allah swt states,

أَمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ

“Who is the one that has created the heavens and the earth, who is the one that causes the rain to descend from the sky, and from this very rain Allah swt causes orchards gardens to grow,”

(Surah Naml Verse 60)

that when a person looks at these gardens, it pleases his eye, it is delightful to see. then Allah swt says... you alone are not capable of doing all this, you are not capable of creating the heavens and the earth, you are not capable of making the rain descend from the skies, and you are not capable of making these gardens grow, the amazing flowers that we see, the beautiful colours, the inspiring fragrances, Allah swt says ...you can not do this even if you tried, you could not even create a single leaf, then Allah swt ask us

rhetorically;

أَأَلِهَ مَعَ اللَّهِ

”is there any lord besides Allah!”

QURAANIC VERSES

Here are some verses from the Quraan which could be useful in speeches regarding the greatness of Allah.

1) Insaan (Man)

وَفِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ

“and within your own selves are signs as well, do you not see? (Ponder over these).”

(Surah Dhaariyaat - Verse 21)

هَلْ أَتَى عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ حِينٌ مِنَ الدَّهْرِ لَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْئًا مَذْكُورًا

“undoubtedly, a moment of time has passed by man when he was not even something worth mentioning (he was still a drop of Semen).”

إِنَّا خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ أَمْشَاجٍ نَبْتَلِيهِ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا

“indeed we have created man from a mixed seed (from between male sperm and female egg) to test him (by prescribing duties) and we made him (a) hearing and seeing.”

(Surah Insaan - Verse 1-2)

خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَنْعَامِ ثَمَانِيَةَ أَزْوَاجٍ يَخْلُقُكُمْ فِي بُطُونِ أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ خَلْقًا مِنْ بَعْدِ خَلْقٍ فِي ظُلُمَاتٍ ثَلَاثٍ ذَلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَأَنَّى تُصْرَفُونَ

“He has created you (mankind) from a single soul (Adam), after which he made a spouse (Hawa) from the soil, and also made eight pairs (male and female) for you from the livestock animals (camels, cows, sheep and goats).

Allah created you in the wombs of your mothers, as a creation after a creation in three (layers of) darkness (the abdomen, the womb, and the membrane in which the foetus develops.) That is Allah, your lord, to whom all kingdoms belong. There is none worthy of worship but him, so where are you

turning to?

(Surah Zumar- Verse 6)

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ

خَبِيرٌ

“O people!, we have certainly created you from a single male (Adam) and female, and made you into various families (nation) and tribes so that you may recognise each other (so that each person may know where he belongs and who others are, your difference in lineage and race does not give away superiority over others) verily the most honoured of you in Allah’s sight is the one with the most piety (purity, righteousness) Allah is certainly all knowing (only he knows whos taqwa is the best)”

(Surah Hujuraat - Verse 13)

2) Animals

وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ فِي الْأَنْعَامِ لَعِبْرَةً نُسْقِيكُمْ مِمَّا فِي بُطُونِهِ مِنْ بَيْنِ فَرْثٍ وَدَمٍ لَبْنَا خَالِصًا سَائِعًا لِلشَّارِبِينَ

“There is certainly a lesson for you in livestock. (signs that point towards Allah’s greatness). From what is in their bellies between excrement (filth) and blood, We give you pure milk to drink that is easily consumed. (Although the stomach of animals is an impure environment having blood and excreta always present, Allah has the immense power to create pure milk there.)”

(Surah Nahl- Verse 66)

اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَنْعَامِ لِتَرْكَبُوا مِنْهَا وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ

“Allah created livestock for you so you may ride some of them (such as horses and mules), and you may eat others (such as cows and goats).”

وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ وَلِتَبَلَّغُوا عَلَيْهَا حَاجَةً فِي صُدُورِكُمْ وَعَلَيْهَا وَعَلَى الْفُلْكِ تُحْمَلُونَ

“There are many (others) uses for you in them (such as using their skins) and (Allah has created them) so you may attain the need in your hearts by riding them. You are transported on them (on land) and on ships. (at sea, thus making your travels easy).”

وَيُرِيكُمْ آيَاتِهِ فَأَيَّ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ تُنْكِرُونَ

“and Allah shows you his signs (Which demonstrates His power), so which of Allah’s signs will you reject (when they are so clear)?”

(Surah Mu’min - Verse 79-60-81)

3) Food and water

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ نَبَاتَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْهُ خَضِرًا نُخْرِجُ مِنْهُ حَبًّا مُتَرَاكِبًا وَمِنَ النَّخْلِ
مِنْ طَلْعِهَا قِنْوَانٌ دَانِيَةٌ وَجَنَّاتٍ مِنْ أَعْنَابٍ وَالزَّيْتُونَ وَالرُّمَّانَ مُشْتَبِهًا وَغَيْرَ مُتَشَابِهٍ انظُرُوا إِلَى ثَمَرِهِ إِذَا أَثْمَرَ وَيَنْعِهِ إِنَّ
فِي ذَلِكُمْ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

“It is He (Allah) who sends rain (water) from the sky, then by it (by the rain) he extracts (from the ground) the sprout of everything (every plant), thereafter extracting greens (green stalks) from this (sprout). Then from these (green stalks) we bring forth grain that are stacked on top of one another (with every one of these grains having the ability to grow into a complete plant bearing many more grains). From the spadix (a small stalk with little flowers enclosed in a leafy covering called a spathe) of the date palm, We extract branches hung low (heavy because they are laden with dates) and (we also germinated) orchards of grapes, olives and pomegranates, some of which are alike (in growth and looks) while others are not alike. Look at its fruits as it grows and ripens (as it develops from something worthless to something valuable). Indeed there are ayaats in this for the people who have imaan.

(Surah An'aam - Verse99)

4) Sky, Earth Sun, Moon, Day and Night

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَالْفُلْكِ الَّتِي تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِمَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ
مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ مَاءٍ فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَبَثَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَتَصْرِيفِ الرِّيَّاحِ وَالسَّحَابِ الْمُسَخَّرِ بَيْنَ
السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ

“Verily in the creation of the heavens and earth; in the changing on the night and day; in the huge ships which travel on the oceans carrying goods of benefit to man; (without sinking despite their tremendous weight) in that water that Allah showers from the heavens, bringing life (all types of growth) to the earth after its death and causing all types of creatures to spread out on earth; and in the varying (directions and temperature) of the winds; and the obedient clouds hanging between the earth and sky are signs for those who use their intelligence.”

(Surah A-Baqara - Verse164)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ فَالِقُ الْحَبِّ وَالنَّوَى يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَمُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتِ مِنَ الْحَيِّ ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ فَأَنَّى تُؤْفَكُونَ

“Undoubtedly Allah is the One Who splits the seed and the date stone. He extracts the living from the dead (such as chicken from an egg or a Mu'min from a Kaafir) and the dead from the living (such as egg from a hen or a Kaafir from a Mu'min). This is Allah! So where are you wandering astray?”

فَالِقُ الْإِصْبَاحِ وَجَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ سَكَنًا وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ حُسْبَانًا ذَلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ

“He causes the dawn to break, made the night a rest and fixed orbits for the sun and the moon This is the arrangement of The Mighty, The All Knowing.”

وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ النُّجُومَ لِتَهْتَدُوا بِهَا فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ قَدْ فَصَّلْنَا الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ

“It is He Who made the stars so that you may be guided by them in the darkness of the land and the ocean. Indeed We have explained the Ayat for the knowledgeable ones (so that they may recognise Allah).”

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ فَمُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمُسْتَوْدَعٌ قَدْ فَصَّلْنَا الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَفْقَهُونَ

“It is He Who created you from a single soul (Aadam AS), after which (He places you in) a place where you will stay (jannah or jahannam) and a place where you are kept in trust (the world/the grave). Indeed we have clearly clarified the Ayat for people who have intelligence.”

(Surah An'aam - Verse95-96-97-98)

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُغْشِي اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

“Undoubtedly your Lord is Allah who has created the heavens and the earth in six days and then turned his attention to the throne. He covers the day with the night, (each one) hurrying to follow the other. The sun, moon and the stars are subjugated (made to be obedient) by His command. Behold! (all) Creation and command belong to him. Blessed is Allah the lord of the (entire) universe.”

(Surah A'raaf - Verse54)

