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Dear Reader,

This booklet was written for the guidance of my children and I trust you, dear reader, will also be benefitted by reading it.

Yours in Straight Path,

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WHY WERE YOU BORN?

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WHY WERE YOU BORN

When I was young, my father tried to lead me to the straight path. He explained to me the purpose of our life and existence but I refused to listen. At that time, I only saw the material side of things; the pleasures of this life such as wealth, wine and beautiful women. These were far more tempting and exciting than the next life which could not be seen.

I am sure Allah (s.w.t) has forgiven my sins because I have been very sincere in my repentance. However, there are certain after-effects of one's mistakes which can never be rectified unless Allah (s.w.t) wishes otherwise.

Usually, it is the tendency of a child to imitate his father or mother and pick up their habits. Although, the parents may stop such habits after a period of time for some reason, the child will continue those habits and parents may fail in persuading him to stop such habits.

This is a natural reaction of your past action which has to take place unless, of course, Allah (s.w.t) intervenes and changes the course of that reaction to save you and your child.

Every action of an individual leaves behind a reaction which affects not only his own life but also his family, his relatives, his friends, his country and ultimately the whole universe. One is not aware, at that time, of the consequences of such mistakes, but later on when he sees the reaction of his own past mistakes affecting his life and the lives of others, you can well imagine the extent of his guilty feeling.

When you are young, you may sometimes, become irrational in your behaviour, but take extra care not to do anything wrong for which you may have to repent all your life. It takes only one wrong move and it could be fatal and may destroy your whole life as well as that of others.

Be very careful in your behaviour during your life time. Remember that Allah (s.w.t) is watching you all the

time - never have any doubt about it. He is within you, around you and He is everywhere.

Human being on the earth, is like a fish in the sea. Although the fish is surrounded by water, it does not realise the importance of water or its existence until it is taken out of water. Allah (s.w.t) surrounds the whole universe and if you attempt to get away from Him, your fate will be the same as that of the fish.

My experience in life has taught me to think of the consequences of my action, before doing it. One may behave in a certain way and think nothing of the result at that time, but this trivial action may cause many harmful effects, if not immediately, probably at a later stage. Therefore, before doing anything, take a proper account of its immediate results as well as the after-effects in the course of time, i.e. after one year, after five years, twenty years, any time during your lifetime and after your death when you will be brought before Allah (s.w.t). How are you going to defend yourself and justify your action before Allah (s.w.t) ? If you are prepared to face

this situation, then you may go ahead and do as you please. But never have any doubt even for a second, about the Day of Judgement when you will be brought before Allah to give account of all your actions while you were on the earth.

Allah created us for a purpose, but unfortunately, many people do not seem to realise this fact and even if they do, they cannot be bothered. In fact, they appear to have been convinced that this life is nothing but a place to have fun and enjoyment as much as possible because once you die, that is the end of it; there cannot be anything after death. These people cannot be called stupid because they seem to be intelligent, but we can call them arrogant and blind who cannot see further than their steps.

Before denying the existence of Allah (s.w.t), think seriously and ask yourself : "Is there anything superior to human mind ?"

Look at the sun, moon and other planets, all set with perfection in different courses and well balanced.

But yet, they cannot do what you can do ! They have no mind, no intelligence and therefore, cannot think or do anything on their own. They can only move according to a certain preset pattern; they have no will power of their own.

But human mind is far more superior than the splendour of galaxies or wonders of nature. It can think, reason, plan and execute with will power. Its intelligence can invent and produce sophisticated instruments and equipments for advanced studies on cosmic atmosphere. It has successfully carried out several space missions and sent astronauts to other planets to acquire more knowledge of universe. Human mind is capable of turning the forces of nature to serve human needs and it can now control and utilize destructive nuclear energy for useful purposes.

With all these achievements to his credit, there still remains one thing man has not been able to do and that is to create anything which is superior to himself. Man can make use of the existing materials and produce

anything from a pin to a house, from automobile to spaceship or even a computerised robot. But no one can dispute the fact that the intelligence and power required to invent and produce such advanced and sophisticated things, are much superior to the products themselves. A computer is the brain child of man but its amazing capabilities are certainly not higher than that of the man whose intelligence invented, designed and built it.

By the same token, can anyone believe that the power or force which produced the human intelligence, can be inferior to it ? It will be an insult to the human intelligence to suggest that it was created by some power less intelligent than itself.

Also, look at the food you eat. With all the scientific achievements and laboratory facilities, has human being been able to produce a living organic substance like our food ? No, man can only grow the food through a certain process which was started by some power, sometime. This marvellous process is beyond human intelli-

gence and is the work of a supremè force more superior to human beings.

If you still need evidence of the existence of a supreme power, why not look at your thumb print. You cannot find two persons with similar thumb prints. This is something which cannot happen on its own; someone with great power has to be behind this and this is the same power which created each human being with different personalities, not two persons looking alike.

There is hardly anyone in this world who believes that he is following a wrong faith and that it may lead him to Hell, after death. Everyone believes he is true in his conviction; otherwise he would not have continued his faith without doing something about it.

What is the reason for this unfortunate situation ? Basically, this can be attributed to two factors which need to be handled very carefully:

1. Blind faith and following parents' footsteps. This is very dangerous because religion is not a matter of family inheritance.

Parents have great influence over their children. Children are usually inspired and guided by the ideals and principles of their father or mother. Out of their love for parents and obedience towards them, they blindly follow their parents in everything including religion. Allah (s.w.t) instructs us to be nice, kind and obedient to parents, but not to obey them as far as religion is concerned, unless one is fully convinced that he is following the true religion of God, bearing in mind that there is only one true religion. Faith is an individual's affair between him and his Creator which must not be influenced by any other factors such as parental love, family prestige etc.

2. Arrogance and self confidence. By being arrogant and refusing to listen to others, one deprives himself of the opportunity to study other's view points and to find out right from wrong. Be humble and always be pre-

pared to lend an ear to what others have to say. This will reward you in two ways : First, when you hear from others something that you already know, your knowledge is strengthened. Secondly, if you hear something that you do not know, you learn something new.

Religion is the most important thing in one's life and has to be taken very seriously. One has to make sure that what his parents taught him is the right religion. Do not make your parents the cause of your destruction. Remember that your life in this world and in the next world depends on which religion you choose; therefore, investigate thoroughly into other religions and ascertain which is the right one to be followed at the present time. Allah (s.w.t) will judge everyone individually on the Day of Judgement and one's parents cannot be of any help at that time.

Religion is a code of conduct for one's day-to-day life in order to attain the eternal happiness. Those who are sensible, submit to the Creator of the Universe and live in accordance with the rules and regulations laid

down by Him and conveyed to us through His different messengers.

Allah states in Quran :

"A L M .

These are Verses of the Wise Book,

**A Guide and a Mercy
To the doers of Good,**

**Those who establish regular Prayer,
And give regular Charity,
And have (in their hearts)
The assurance of the Hereafter,**

**These are on (true) guidance
From their Lord; and these
Are the ones who will prosper.**

**But there are, among men
those who purchase idle tales,**

**Without knowledge (or meaning),
To mislead (men) from the Path
Of Allah and throw ridicule
(On the Path) : for such
There will be a humiliating
Penalty.**

**When Our Signs are rehearsed
To such a one, he turns
Away in arrogance, as if
He heard them not, as if
There were deafness in both
His ears; announce to him
A grievous Penalty.**

**For those who believe
And work righteous deeds,
There will be Gardens
Of Bliss,-**

**To dwell therein. The promise
Of Allah is true; and He
Is Exalted in Power.**

He created the heavens
Without any pillars that you
Can see; He set on the earth, mountains
Standing firm lest it
Should shake with you;
And He scattered through it
Beasts of all kinds.

We send down rain from the sky and
produce
On the earth every kind
Of noble creature, in pairs.

Such is the creation of Allah;
Now show Me what is there
That others besides Him
Have created : nay, but
The Transgressors are
In manifest error.

We bestowed (in the past)
Wisdom on Luqman;

“Show (thy) gratitude to Allah.”
Any who is (so) grateful
Does so to the profit
Of his own soul : but if
Any is ungrateful, verily
Allah is free of all wants,
Worthy of all praise.

Behold, Luqman said
To his son by way of
Instruction : “O my son !
Join not in worship
(Others) with Allah : for
False worship is indeed
The highest wrongdoing.”

And We have enjoined on man
(To be good) to his parents :
In travail upon travail
Did his mother bear him.
And in years twain
Was his weaning : (hear

The Command), "Show gratitude
To Me and to thy parents :
To Me is (thy final) Goal.

"But if they strive
To make thee join
In worship with Me
Things of which thou hast
No knowledge, obey them not;
Yet bear them company
In this life with justice
(And consideration), and follow
The way of those who
Turn to Me (in love):
In the End the return
Of you all is to Me,
And I will tell you
The truth (and meaning)
Of all that ye did."

"O my son !" (said Luqman),
"If there be (but) the weight

Of a mustard-seed and
It were (hidden) in a rock,
Or (anywhere) in the heavens or
On earth, Allah will bring it
Forth : For Allah understands
The finest mysteries, (and)
Is well acquainted (with them).

"O my son ! establish
Regular prayer, enjoin what is
Just, and forbid what is wrong :
And bear with patient constancy
Whatever betide thee : for this
Is firmness (of purpose)
In (the conduct of) affairs.

"And swell not thy cheek
(For pride) at men,
Nor walk in insolence
Through the earth :
For Allah loveth not
Any arrogant boaster.

"And be moderate
In the pace, lower
Thy voice : for the harshest
Of sounds without doubt
Is the braying of the ass."

Do you not, see
That Allah has subjected
To your (use) all things
In the heavens and on earth,
And has made His bounties
Flow to you in exceeding
Measure, (both) seen and unseen :

Yet there are among men
Those who dispute about Allah,
Without knowledge and without
Guidance, and without a Book
To enlighten them !

When they are told to follow
The (Revelation) that Allah

Has sent down, they say :
"Nay, we shall follow
The ways that we found
Our father (following)."

What ! even if it is
Satan beckoning them
To the Penalty
Of the (Blazing) Fire !

Whoever submits
His whole self of Allah,
And is a doer of good,
Has grasped indeed
The most trustworthy hand-hold;
And with Allah rests the End
And Decision of (all) affairs.

But if any reject Faith
Let not his rejection
Grieve thee: to Us
Is their return and We

**Shall tell them the truth
Of their deeds: for Allah
Knows well all that is
In (men's) hearts.**

**We grant them their pleasure
For a little while :
In the end shall We
Drive them to
A chastisement unrelenting.**

(Surah : 31 - 1 to 24)

My; children, submit to our Master and lead your life as per His instructions sent to us through Holy Qur'an. Islam is not simply a name of religion but it is submission to the Creator of the Universe. When you pronounce you are a Muslim, it means that you promise to God to abide by His laws and adhere to His constitution which was re-introduced through our last Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H). There never was nor is another religion but Islam; what prophets Moses and Jesus introduced was nothing but Islam (Submission).

Religion does not confine itself to merely praying, fasting, giving charity or performing Haj. All these activities are incumbent upon us for one reason - and one reason alone- which is to conduct our day-to-day life in a proper way : to guide us how to deal with our brothers and sisters in humanity.

A person is entitled to receive a reward for anything that he does in this world. For example, if you are employed by someone, you can expect to receive wages for your services. Those who submit to Allah and lead a good life in accordance with His instructions, are entitled to receive personal gains in this world and a definite reward of Heaven in the next world. However, those who do not obey Allah's commands, may receive some temporary benefits in this world, but will surely be subjected to Allah's punishment in the next world.

Actual life begins not in this world but after your death. The few years of life in this world, is nothing but a preparation for the eternal life. However, we need to bear in mind that our whole eternal life depends on how

well we prepare ourselves during the few years here, to submit or reject, to believe or deny, to obey or refuse.

By completely submitting to Allah, you are able to develop self control and avoid evil temptations of this world. The reward for this, will be fulfillment of all your desires in the eternal life while those who reject Allah's commands, have no patience and want to fulfill their desires in this world. In other words, you can have it either here or there. Is it sensible to forfeit the permanent happiness for the sake of some temporary gains ?

Never live against the teachings of Quran. If you do, it means you are rejecting the commands of Allah which will result in severe punishment. Quran says : "O you who believe ! Intoxicants and gambling, idolworshipping and (divination) by arrow, are an abomination of satan's handwork. Eschew such (abomination) that you may prosper."

(Surah : 5 - 93)

Adultery is one of the major sins. Committing adultery results in loosing your honour followed by severe

punishment by Allah. Besides, whoever knocks at other's door will have others knocking at their door as well.

Cast your eyes away from what does not belong to you; evil thoughts and actions start with a gaze or smile.

"Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that will make far greater purity for them. And Allah is well acquainted with all that they do."

"And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and their ornaments except what (must ordinarily) appear thereof; that they should draw their veil over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers, husband's father, their sons, their husband's sons, their brothers or their brothers' sons or their sisters' sons, or their women or the slaves whom their right hand possess or male servant free of physical needs or small children who

have no sense of the shame of sex; and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden ornaments. And O you, believers! Turn you altogether towards Allah, that you may attain Bliss."

(Surah : 24 - 30, 31)

Music and cinema are other means of self destruction, both mentally and physically. They create emotions and illusions in one's mind and carry him to a world of fantasies which he later wishes to practise. Once absorbed in such feelings and fantasies, one is bound to forget the surroundings and become a slave of his emotions. Musical instruments are supposed to be Satan's tools. Our Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H) destroyed these tools before he destroyed idols.

While music has an intoxicating effect on human mind, cinema degrades people morally and misguides them. Informative and educational movies are allowed, not as entertainment, but to improve knowledge.

Those who reject Our Signs (teachings) We shall

soon cast into the Fire. As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for fresh skins, that they may taste the penalty, for Allah is exalted in Power, Wise."

(Surah : 25-56)

Although human being may appear to be a single person, it is not so. Human being consists of two parts, the spiritual body and the physical body, both moulded into one. Of these, the spiritual body is important and permanent while the physical body is temporary. Allah (s.w.t) wants us to develop the spiritual body in order that we attain the aim of our existence. The physical body can manage to exist in this world for a few years irrespective of what condition we are in; we may live in a palace or in a hut, the physical body will exist all the same. But the important part of our mission in this world, is to develop our spiritual body and we have only one chance for this. There is no coming back into this world again; therefore, anyone missing this opportunity will certainly be deprived of the permanent place in Heaven.

Your love for your Creator must be above all and more than anything else in the world. He loves you very much and that is why He created you; so Why not reciprocate His love ?

Looking after your parents is one of the most important duties of every Muslim. As they brought you up and looked after you when you were a child, you must look after them, too, no matter whether they are good or bad parents; you cannot stop helping them under any circumstances. At times, it may be very inconvenient, but never cast them out of your life. Real love and affection starts at home. Allah says in Quran :

“Your Lord hath decreed that you worship none but Him and that you be kind to parents. Whether one or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of contempt nor repel them, but address them in terms of honour and out of kindness; lower to them the wing of humility and say: ‘My Lord! Bestow on them thy Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood.’”

(Surah : 17 - 23)

“Say; If it be that your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your mates or your kindred; the wealth that you have gained, the commerce in which you fear a decline, or the dwellings in which you delight, are dearer to you than Allah or His Apostles or the striving in his cause, then wait until Allah brings about His decision; and Allah guides not the rebellious.”

(Surah : 9 - 24)

Allah tells us in Quran that we human beings are His representatives on the earth. I strongly advise you to behave like a true representative of Allah and make yourself worthy of this honourable assignement. Never behave like an animal whose aim in this life is only to eat, sleep and breed Children. Find out for yourself if you are any different from animals.

Never be selfish. Islam teaches us to love every human being, no matter which religion they follow because they all are either your brothers in religion or in humanity.

Be helpful to others at all times; never ignore

others' problems with the attitude, "I am alright, Jack." Never turn your back on them. Try and understand their grievances and do all you can to redress them.

Never cheat others or tell a lie at any cost. Allah curses liars. Telling lies is the cause of many problems. One lie leads to another and ultimately results in grave crimes. It drops a man to the lowest ebb of moral bankruptcy and destroys him completely.

Do not harm or rob anyone even if you and your family are starving. Always treat others kindly and respectfully; treat them as you would wish others to treat you. Pay respect and earn respect. Be nice and polite with everyone.

Do not be over-ambitious or greedy. Be satisfied with whatever you have got. Trust in Allah's justice and believe that you will get whatever is destined for you. Over-ambition will lead to all kinds of miseries and unhappiness.

If you achieve a position in your life, always remember that it does not last forever; it is only temporary. Never let the position get into your head and do not look upon other people as though you are in any way superior to them. When you are standing on the top of a building, you will see people below much smaller than their actual size, but remember that the people below also see you smaller in size.

Controlling one's inner self (mind) is essential to maintain a strong faith. So, strive to achieve absolute control of the mind. This is possible through different stages and once you have reached the highest, you will find that you are able to completely concentrate your thoughts on Allah during prayers and can remain undisturbed.

Keep your ego under constant check, because you are no one but another creation of Allah. Once you start differentiating yourself from others, you are heading for a lot of trouble. If you can make yourself to realise the fact that you are just one of those millions of human be-

ings, you will live in peace with Allah, yourself and the whole world; but if you consider yourself superior to others and begin to compete with them saying, 'Look at me ! I am rich, i am influential, I am somebody', then I assure you that it is the beginning of your permanent hell in both worlds. When you were born, you were a free person, but now you are a slave of your ego. Ego is false and Allah is reality. Accumulation of wealth, power, beauty etc. are permanent bondage to these temporary things which will not last long. Contentment is an unlimited treasure. Why should you chain yourself to this false ego when you can be happy and free in the company of your Creator ?

World is a place for cultivation of good deeds for which you will receive benefits mainly in the next world. Rest assured that the One who created this beautiful world has much better place elsewhere, too.

Many people wrongly blame Allah (s.w.t) for anything which is bad. This is a grave accusation. You must understand that whatever good happens to you, is from Allah but whatever bad you are involved in, is the result

of your deeds, either directly or indirectly. Allah (s.w.t) loves His creatures and gives them only His Blessings.

It is Allah's prerogative to grant or refuse any request by His subjects. If a request is not granted, rest assured that there must be a valid reason for it which is to your own benefit and you will surely realize this either during your lifetime or after your death.

Allah has made it very clear in the Quran that one may like something which is actually against his interest and one may not like something which actually may be advantageous to him. Allah knows best, so never question His wisdom and Judgement and never accuse Him of being unjust.

He says in Qur'an : "Say, nothing will happen to us except what Allah has decreed for us. He is our protector. And on Allah let the believers put their trust."

(Surah : 9 - 51)

Never accus Allah (s.w.t) of being unkind when you see or hear about a calamity involving a child's life.

Allah is most kind and just and does not cause any harm to anyone. An innocent child may have been the victim of its parent's mistake. But because Allah (s.w.t) is so Merciful beyond description, He turns this fatality into a Blessing and Mercy for the parents. You cannot foresee what this child would have done or become when he grew up. May be, the child would have become a criminal, harmful to the society or a non-believer, inviting Allah's wrath. So, taking away its life was, perhaps, the best thing for Allah to do. He knows best and is Wise.

What happens to such children after death? According to Hadith, these children are taken by Angel Izrail to Prophet Ibrahim who raises them up and teaches them how to pray and plead to Allah (s.w.t) for His Blessings on their parents and for saving them from Hellfire. Their prayers continue till the Day of Resurrection.

Allah (s.w.t) takes test on His creatures by various means and for different reasons. He may involve His subjects in many sorts of hardships - financial difficulties, family problems, prolonged illness etc. - and only

those who have patience, will come out of it successfully. Patience is one of the most important qualities of a true believer. Whatever happens, never lose your patience; put your entire trust in Allah (s.w.t).

Always be prepared for His tests and trials. He may sometimes make those whom He is pleased with, to go through various bitter experiences and hardships. This will help them prepare themselves better for the beginning of the eternal life and also gain actual experience. Mere knowledge without practical experience, is meaning-less. For example, a doctor studies medicine and gets a degree from a university but he acquires actual knowledge only through experience by treating patients.

Those who are subjected to hardships and miseries will be also entitled to receive a great reward as compensation for their sufferings.

Allah states in Qur'an : "By (the token of) time (through the Ages), verily man is in loss, except such as have Faith and do righteous deeds and (join together) in the mutual teaching of Truth, and of

Patience and Constancy.”

(Surah : 103-1 to 3)

Never raise your voice, shout at others or lose your temper; only donkeys shout and not human beings.

Allah has prescribed what is good for human consumption and has forbidden us from eating meat of animal killed other than Islamic way. So, make sure you eat meat of animals that are properly slaughtered (Halal). Eating raw meat is also forbidden except under certain circumstances. This is because food habit is bound to affect your character and if you eat raw meat all your life, you are likely to behave like a wild animal. Similarly, if you eat chicken regularly you may become cunning like a chicken. It is because of this characteristic that the Jews are supposed to eat Koshered chicken regularly or at least once a week.

Holy Quran says : “Eat not of (meat) on which Allah’s name has not been pronounced; that would be impiety. But the evil ones ever inspire their friends to contend with you. If you were to obey

them, you would indeed be Pagans.”

(Surah : 6 - 121)

Thoughts and actions are recorded simultaneously by physical brain as well as the spiritual brain. Since your spiritual body is the eternal part of your person, these recordings will not be destroyed or erased, even after death. Therefore, be very careful not to do anything wrong lest it be recorded forever in your spiritual mind.

Feeling of guilt is the worst form of burden a person can carry and is liable to cause physical destruction. Therefore, avoid doing any action for which you may have to repent later on. If at any time, a sin is committed unintentionally and without repetition, then repent sincerely and ask Allah (s.w.t) for forgiveness. Thereafter, do not have any doubt in your mind whether Allah (s.w.t) has really forgiven you or not.

You need to soften up your heart before leaving this world in order to avail yourself of the company of good people. In the eternal life, people are separated as good and bad and each One has his or her place.

When you become independent and start earning, divide your income into four parts as under:-

1. Eat some
2. Wear some
3. Give some to charity
4. Keep some for the rainy day.

Praying to Allah five times a day is compulsory on every Muslim and no one else receives the benefits of prayers except the person who performs it. It is the human being who gains by performing prayers; Allah (s.w.t) does not benefit from it. When Allah commands us to pray, it is for our own good and not as an act of favour to Allah.

The benefits of prayer are numerous; the following are a few of them:

1. Uniformity of worshippers from all walks of life, rich and poor alike, irrespective of colour or creed, submitting to Allah in different stages of prayers, makes a

person feel himself humble, overcoming all arrogant attitudes. When a person prostrates before Allah and then kneels down in obeisance, this action itself is enough to remind him that he is none but a humble creature of Allah. This realisation makes him kind towards his fellow Muslims and ultimately earns respect and honour of his brothers and sisters in Islam.

2. Prayer helps a person cultivate good habits and manners; courtsey demands that you acknowledge the favours done to you and say, "thank you". Although no human being can fully appreciate and thank Allah for all His blessings, do your best to acknowledge and express your gratitude for all that He has done for you.

3. Prayer is a medium of communication with the Creator. The Arabic word for prayer is "Salat" which means communication. Through prayers, one can establish a close relationship with Allah, as a result of which he will refrain from disobeying Allah for fear of losing that relationship.

Holy Prophet has said, "If Allah accepts one's salat

(prayers), other good deeds of his will also be acceptable to Him. But if one's salat is rejected by Allah, his other good actions will be surely rejected."

Holy Prophet has further said : "Everything has something to embellish. And the thing that adorns Islam is the obligatory Salat, five times a day. Everything has a foundation, and the foundation of a Momin (Faithful) is this very Salat. Prayer is the foundation of a good deed and it stands as important as the center pole of a tent; removing that pole will result in the collapse of the tent. Everything needs some sort of light, and for the heart of a Momin, this Salat serves as light. Everything carries some price and the price of paradise is this Salat. Salat is a way of penitence for a penitent and a source of prosperity. It is through this very Salat that the devotee can hope for Munificance of Allah the acceptance of his supplications and the expirations of his sins."

"Praying", says the Prophet of Islam, is the salvation of the true believer, the pillar of faith and the light of heaven on earth."

Allah created you as a free person and in all respects, you have free will to do what you wish to do. I would, therefore, suggest to you the following prayers to say when you leave the house every morning: "O God, please do not let me depend on myself; you guide me in every step that I take. I depend on you fully; therefore, you guide me to the straight path. Please protect me, my family and this house with a band of your protection. Please keep the devil and evil eyes away from us and I thank you all the time for everything."

Be grateful to Allah (s.w.t) for having given you the opportunity to come to this world. Do not behave like some ungrateful people who complain "Why did Allah create us ? Why did He bring us into this world? We live here against our wishes, we have no choice." Such people are worse than those who bite the hands that fed them. They are forgetting the fact that we did exist even before Allah (s.w.t) sent us to this earth at our request. They are also forgetting the solemn promise we gave to Allah (s.w.t) at that time, to submit to Him and obey His instructions. We had also promised Him that we would

bear any hardship and go through any test that He may involve us in, with patience and perseverance in order to receive His reward.

Now that Allah (s.w.t) has provided us with this opportunity to perform our part of the promise, we must thank Him for that, and then remember why were we born.

Let us think of the day when we will be taken before Allah (s.w.t) with all our examination papers and will be questioned on our performance. On that Day, some will be very happy for being successful in the examination while some others will be very unhappy for their failure. Those who are successful will be rewarded as per Allah's promise and unsuccessful ones will be burnt in Hell fire over and over and over again, endlessly.

Earn your livelihood honourably; do not accept anything that comes to you the wrong way. To hell with a pot of gold that has a dead mouse laid on it.

Do not eat the flesh of your dead sisters and brothers in humanity (gossip). Your tongue is like a wild horse, you must keep it under control. If you loosen your grip, it will run wild and lead you to destruction. Do not, therefore, engage yourself in gossiping or talking ill of other people.

Allah says : "O, you who believe ! Avoid suspicion as much (as possible) for suspicion in some cases is a sin and spy not on each other, nor speak ill of each other behind their back. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of your dead brother ? Nay, you would abhor it. But fear Allah; for Allah is oft-returning, Most Merciful."

(Surah : 48 - 12)

Show with your hands what your heart wants, i.e. you must prove with actions whatever your heart wants to do.

Seek knowledge from others by pretending lack of knowledge. Be the dust of others' feet and you will achieve your goal.

Be truthful to others; they will, then let you participate in their wealth.

Allah is well pleased with those who are kind and friendly to others; those who have badly and are unkind, will surely receive Allah's punishment.

Those who have truth on their tongue, will perfect their religious performance and those with clean intentions will prosper. Those who have true regards for their relatives and remember them in their prayers, will have a long life.

True friends are a single soul in different bodies.

The best friend is the oldest.

Spend yourself freely on your friend, but do not part to him your peace of mind.

The stranger is the man who never has a friend,

Be not friends with a fool; he will do you harm even while meaning to be useful.

The worst friend is the one who flatters you, throwing a veil over your vices.

A friend is tested on three occasions; in time of need, behind your back and after your death.

It is in time of reverse that one can tell one's friend from one's enemy.

When you come into this world, the first thing you did was to cry and everyone around you were laughing. However, when you leave this world, do your best to reverse that action.

Do not sell your eternal Heaven for this false and temporary world. Make full use of your life for the reward and benefit of next world.

"All who obey Allah and the Apostle, are in the company of those on whom is the Grace of Allah -

of the Prophet (who teach), the sincere (lovers of truth), the witnesses (who testify) and the righteous (who do good). Ah! What a beautiful fellowship!".

(Surah : 4 - 65)

WORDS OF WISDOM

SAYINGS OF OUR PROPHET MOHAMMED (P.B.U.H)

(Translated from the Persian Book written by
Sayed Mahdi Hossaini Lajordi)

A person must avoid conversation during the following seven occasions and if he does not, Allah will not listen to his requests for forty days :-

1. During funeral processions.
2. In cemetery.
3. During intercourse.
4. While visiting a patient.
5. In presence of religious leaders.
6. In mosques.
7. In presence of those who are in trouble.

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Beauties of this world are three :- Wealth, Children and Wife. Beauties of the next world are three : Knowledge, Obedience to Allah and Charity. Beauties of

human body are three ; Less eating, Less sleep and Less talk. Beauties of heart are three : Patience, Gratitude and never to complain.

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You can recognise an ignorant person by the following signs :-

- Shouting unnecessarily;
- Talking unnecessarily;
- Giving charity to undeserving people;
- Disclosing secrets;
- Trusting everyone;
- Not knowing friend from foe.

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Just as it is necessary to answer back a greeting, it is also necessary to reply a letter.

Any one who does the following, will be punished before any other :-

- Harming a person who has done a favour;
- Harming a person who does not harm anyone;
- Failing to fulfill a contract while the other party fulfills;
- Breaking off relationship with those who have established contacts.

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When your child reaches the age of seven, teach him how to pray;

When he reaches the age of ten, you must force him to pray;

When he reaches the age of thirteen, separate his bed;

When he reaches the age of eighteen, he must be fluent in reading and understanding Quran;

When he reaches the age of twenty eight, his intelligence is matured;

When he reaches the age of thirty, his bones gain strength;

When he reaches the age of forty, he is saved from Leprosy, madness and Polio;

When he reaches the age of fifty, he will wish to repent and return to Allah;

When he reaches the age of sixty, he hopes his sins are cleared;

When he reaches the age of seventy, the people of the sky will know him;

When he reaches the age of ninety, he is Allah's prisoner in Allah's world.

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Make use of these five before the other five catch up with you :

1. Your youth - before you get old. That means worship Allah while you are young because when you get old, you will find it very difficult.

2. Your health - before you get sick, i.e. while you are healthy you can worship, not when you are sick.

3. Your wealth - before poverty, i.e. spend your money on charity before you finish it all.

4. Your leisure time - before involvement, i.e. when you are free and have time, make use of it to worship Allah.

5. Your life - before your death, i.e. while you are alive, cultivate good deeds so that you may reap regards in the next world.

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Whoever pretends to be poor while he is not, surely he will become poor and whoever pretends to be sick while he is not, surely he will eventually become sick.

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If you knew what I know, you would have then laughed very little and cried a lot.

If you are unable to cry, it is because your heart is hard as a rock; this is because of your sins; your sins increase because of your great ambition and this is because you do not remember death which is because of your love for wealth and this material world. The whole problem, therefore, is love for this world !

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SAYING OF IMAM ALI (P.B.U.H)

(Translated from the Persian Book written by
Sayed Mehdi Hossaini Lajordi)

One third of faith is modesty, one third is sense and
one third is forgiveness.

A man said to Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) : "I have come to
see you from a place seven hundred miles away and I
have seven questions to ask you :

1. What is bigger than universe ?
2. What is wider than earth ?
3. What is hotter than fire ?
4. What is colder than ice ?
5. What is richer than ocean ?
6. What is harder than rock ?
7. What is weaker than orphan ?

Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) answered :

1. Accusation of an innocent person is bigger than
universe.
2. Justice is wider than earth.
3. Covetring is hotter than fire.
4. Anticipating help from a stingy person is colder
than ice.
5. The mind of a contented person is richer than
ocean.
6. The heart of an unbeliever is harder than rock.
7. The back-biter is weaker than orphan.

Six good things become excellent when coming
from certain people :

1. Justice is good but coming from rulers, becomes
excellent.
2. Patience is good but coming from poor people,
becomes excellent.

3. Prevention is good, but coming from learned people, becomes excellent.

4. Charity is good, but coming from wealthy, becomes excellent.

5. Repentance is good but coming from young persons, becomes excellent.

6. Modesty is good but coming from women, becomes excellent.

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Whoever put his trust in Allah and depends on Him for everything, becomes a very strong person.

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If anyone does not observe the following three things, he is not worth more than a penny :-

1. To be faithful to his friends
2. To give charity from his own wealth
3. To keep his friends' secrets.

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The Khawarijets heard our Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H) saying to his followers : "I am the city of knowledge and Ali (P.B.U.H) is its gate."

So, ten of them decided to test Ali (P.B.U.H)'s knowledge. They said : "Each one of us will ask Ali (P.B.U.H) one but similar question. If all his answers are different but to the point, then we will believe that he is truly the gate of knowledge."

The first person came up to Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) and said : "Can you tell me what is more important, wealth or knowledge ?"

Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) replied : "Knowledge, because knowledge is inheritance of Prophets but wealth is inheritance of Pharaoh."

The second person came and asked the same question.

Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) said : "Knowledge is more im-

portant since knowledge protects you but wealth has to be protected by you."

To the third person, Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) said : "Knowledge is more important because people with knowledge have many friends but people with wealth have many enemies."

To the fourth person, he said : "Knowledge is more important because when you spend your wealth, it will decrease but when you spend your knowledge it will increase."

To the fifth person, he said : "Knowledge is more important than wealth because people call a rich man stingy and tight-fisted but a learned man is called great and generous."

To the sixth person, he said : "Knowledge is more important because knowledge need not be guarded from thieves while wealth needs to be guarded."

To the seventh person, he said : "Knowledge is

more important than wealth because on the day of resurrection, a wealthy person will have to plead for mercy but the one with knowledge need not plead since his account will be in order."

To the eighth person, Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) said : "Knowledge is more important because wealth will depreciate but not knowledge."

To the ninth person, he said : "Knowledge is more important because it will lighten the heart while wealth stiffens the heart and make you feel less."

To the tenth person, he said : "Knowledge is more important than wealth because with wealth, one may claim to be God as many people have done, but knowledge makes one submit to Allah (S.W.T)".

Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) then said to those people : "If you ask me the same question as long as I am alive, I will give you different answers every time."

Seeing this, all those Khowarijets acknowledged his wisdom and became Muslims.

Our Imam Ali (P.B.U.H) advised Ammaar Yassir:
"This world is not worth loving since you cannot achieve anything more than the following :

- Eating
- Drinking
- Smelling
- Riding
- Wearing
- Marrying

As regards eating, the best food is considered to be honey, the games of the bees.

The best drink is considered to be water which is not only meant for human beings but also for animals.

Musk is considered the best of all perfumes which comes from the blood of animal.

For riding, horse is considered to be the best, but it is an unfaithful animal.

Silk is considered to be the best clothing which is a waste from worms.

The best in matrimony is sex which has to be through woman's urinal passage.

Since there are the luxuries and pleasures of this world, is it worthwhile exchanging the heaven of the next world for these filthy gains ?"

A sensible person is the one who detaches himself from this world before the world detaches itself from him.

Be prepared to die before death comes to you.

Please Allah (s.w.t) before you meet him.

When you acquire wealth, do not forget yourself; you may slip off the straight path.

When misfortune takes hold of you, be happy since you have stepped into the pathway of pious people and whatever comes from a friend, accept it with thanks.

Four things break a person's back :

1. Many enemies
2. A big loan
3. Many children
4. A bad wife

Make friendship with a person who has the following six qualities :

1. Who never discloses anyone's faults.
2. When he discovers a person's good deeds, he elaborates and announces them.
3. Who never discloses his favours to others.
4. Who never forgets favours of others.
5. Who forgives those who have harmed him.
6. Who accepts others' apology.

Three types of people cannot be identified except in three places :

1. Brave man - only in the battlefield.
2. Friend - only in time of need.
3. People with patience - only while angry.

Question : What time in one's life is considered a waste of time ?

Answer : When he could help others but never bothered to.

SAYINGS OF PROPHETS, OUR IMAMS & PHILOSOPHERS

(Translated from the Persian Book written by Sayed Mahdi H. Lajordi)

Prophet Abraham (PBUH) has said : "A pious man is the one who speaks only to the extent of his work and never indulges in conversation that does not concern him."

Prophet Idris (PBUH) has said there are three deeds which are best :

1. Telling the truth while in anger.
2. Giving charity during poverty.
3. Forgiving in spite of being able to punish.

Prophet Abraham (PBUH) has said : "A pious man is the one who speaks only to the extent of his work and never indulges in conversation that does not concern him."

A man once asked Imam Jaffer Al Sadeq (PBUH) how he laid the basis for his existence. The Imam replied : "On four pillars."

1. I realised that no one can do my personal duties; therefore, I made myself available and do all the work.

2. I realised that Allah (s.w.t) is watching me all the time; therefore, I ceased worrying.

3. I realised that no one can take what is meant to be for me; therefore, I ceased worrying.

4. I realised that after all I have to die; therefore, I prepared myself.

Imam Jaffer Al Sadeq (PBUH) has said : "Three qualities will destroy a man :

1. Being suspicious of everyone,
2. Listening to everyone,
3. Letting one's wife guide his life.

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Imam Jaffer Al Sadeq (PBUH) has said : Business increases intelligence.

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Someone inquired from Imam Jaffer Al Sadeq (PBUH) : "What proof have you got for the existence of Allah (s.w.t) ?

He replied : "The biggest proof is myself; either I exist because of existence which is normal or I exist from non-existence which is impossible since non-existence cannot bring anything to existence."

Imam Al Sadeq (P.B.U.H) related an incident which took place during Prophet Mohammed's (P.B.U.H) time.

One of the followers of Prophet Mohammed (P.B.U.H) who was going out of the country for a while, instructed his wife not to leave home during his absence. A few days after his departure, the wife's father fell ill and she wanted to go and see her father. So she sent a message to Prophet requesting permission for her to visit her father. The prophet advised her to obey her husband and stay home. In the meanwhile, her father's condition worsened and again she sought Prophet's permission but she received the same answer.

After a while, her father died and again she requested Prophet to allow her to go and see her father's body but still Prophet Mohammed refused.

Soon after the burial of her father, Prophet Mohammed sent her a message of congratulations saying Allah (s.w.t) has sent His blessings to her and her father for obeying her husband's order and staying at home.

(Translated from the Persian Book written by Syed Mehdi Hossaini Lajordi.)

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Imam Baqer (PBUH) has said : "Treasures of good deeds are four :

1. Secrecy in your needs.
2. Secrecy in giving charity.
3. Secrecy in ailment.
4. Secrecy in misfortune.

Anowsherwan has said :

"Whoever has no son, has no eye-sight;
Whoever has no brother, has no strength;
Whoever has no wealth, has no position ;
Whoever has no wife, has no life ;
Whoever has non of these, is never unhappy and has no worries."

Lukman was asked how he reached this position; he answered :

- By speaking the truth,
- By fulfilling contracts and
- By avoiding useless conversation.

Allah said to Adam (PBUH) : "I command you on four matters which

1. Concern Me,
2. Concern you,
3. Concern you and My servants,
4. Concern you and Me.

The first one is : Worship Me only and do not take any partner unto Me,

The second is your deeds which concern you only.

The third is, wish for others what you wish for yourself and never wish for others what you do not wish for yourself.

The fourth is, you request Me and I will fulfill which is between you and Me."

A philosopher has said : "Those who love this world are always worried and unhappy because they are fighting to acquire wealth until they get it; once they get it, they worry how to protect it and once they have protected it, they are worried someone else will take it when they die."

SAYINGS OF SOME COMMON PEOPLE

(These sayings do not represent the views of the writer who has only translated these from Persian Book "Kashkool" by Haji Shaikh Mohd. Montazeri Yazdi)

A good person is the one who is loved by everyone and is never unhappy with anyone.

It is said that people accumulate wealth to be left to three people who are their worst enemies :

1. Wife's husband
2. Daughter-in-law
3. Son-in-law

Either be silent or say a word which will be better than silence.

Talking without thinking is like throwing an arrow without aim.

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Any word coming from a person's heart, will go to other's heart, but if it comes from the mouth, it will not pass into any-one's ears.

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One day, a healthy devil met one of his friends and found him very weak and sick. When enquired the reason, he said, "I am starving to death."

The healthy devil asked, "Why?"

The sick devil explained : "I was assigned the job of misguiding and deceiving one whole family. Not only did I fail in the mission, but now every member of the family says "Bismillah" before they start their meals and so I am deprived of sharing their food."

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Do you know that the voice of every female animal is softer and thinner except cow.

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Those who are not jealous of others, maintain a very good health.

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Generous are those who give before they are asked, but if they give after they are asked, it is because they felt ashamed.

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It is said that if a person reaches the age of forty and his bad deeds exceed his good deeds, then he must prepare himself for Hell fire.

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Two things are real comical : An old person who

pretends to be young and a young person who pretends to be old.

A learned man was once asked: "Have you seen anything better than gold, in your life?"

He replied: "Yes, contentment."

Knowing little and talking big is like overspending.

Anything in excess becomes cheap except knowledge and wisdom.

He who has no friends is a stranger in this world.

Eating sultanas (dried grapes) helps to prevent ailments.

Doctors advise to stop eating while you still have appetite, if you want to maintain good health.

Eating untreated and strong tobacco every morning cures Asthama. Take one gram tobacco, grind it and divide the powder into eight parts. Take one part every day morning and Asthama will disappear.

If you are suffering from cough, drink hot water before going to bed.

If you catch cold, wash your nose with hot water

few times on the first day. This is bound to help.

For cure of bronchitis, chew garlic without taking in its juice.

Do you know that vinegar is considered to alert mind ?

THE HISTORY OF HUMAN
CREATION FROM HOLY QURAN
"THE BELIEVERS"

In conclusion, let me suggest you read the following surah from Quran in which Allah tells us the story of creation of human beings, those who believed His messengers while other rejected, how they were punished, one nation after another and the time He has now given till the Day of Judgement for all the human race to do exactly what they wish, to obey or to reject His command, to believe in His last Book (Quran) or to reject it. On the day of Judgement everyone will realize how right or wrong they were in following and practising such religions as Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam etc. or even the atheist who deny the existence of the creator of the Universe.

On that day, Allah help those who were arrogant and refused to listen and search for the truth by saying what is good for my parents is good enough for me.

"Say I would, if I disobeyed my Lord, indeed have fear of the penalty of a Mighty Day.

(Surah: 6 — 15)

THE BELIEVERS

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

The Believers must (eventually) win through, —

Those who humble themselves in their prayers;

Who avoid vain talk;

Who are active in deeds of charity;

Who abstain from sex,

Except with those joined to them in marriage bond,

Or (the captives) whom their right hands possess, —

For (in their case) they are free from blame,

But those whose desires exceed those limits are transgressors;

Those who faithfully observe their trust and their covenants and who (strictly) guard their prayers —

Those will be the heirs,

Who will inherit Paradise; they will dwell therein (Forever)

Man We create from a quintessence of (clay); Then We placed him as (a drop of) sperm in a place of rest; Firmly Fixed;

Then We made the sperm into clot of congealed blood; Then of that clot We made a (foetus) lump; then We made out of that lump bones and clothed the bones with flesh; then We developed out of it another creature; so blessed Be Allah, the Best to create!

After that, at length, Ye will die.

Again, on the Day of Judgement, will ye be raised up.

And We have made, above you, seven tracts; and We are never unmindful of (Our) Creation.

And We send down water from the sky according to (due) measure, and We cause it to soak in the soil; and We certainly are able to drain it off (with ease).

With it We grow for you gardens of date palms and vines;

In them have ye abundant fruits; and of them Ye eat (and have enjoyment).

Also a tree springing out of Mount Sinai which produces oil and relish for those who use it for food.

And in cattle (too) ye have an instructive example;

From within their bodies We produce (milk) for you to drink; There are, in them, (besides) numerous (other) benefits for you; and of their (meat) ye eat;

And on them, as well as in ships, ye ride.

Further, We sent a long line of prophets for your instruction. We sent Noah to his people: He said, "O my people! Worship Allah! Ye have no other God but Him; Will ye not fear (Him)?"

The chiefs of the Unbelievers among his people said; "He is no more than a man like yourselves: his wish is to assert his superiority over you; if Allah had wished (To send messengers), He could have sent down angels: never did we hear such a thing (as he says), among our ancestors of old".

(And) some said: "He is only a man possessed: wait (and have patience) with him for a time".

(Noah) said: "O my Lord! Help me: for that they accuse me of falsehood!".

So we inspired him (with this message: Construct the Ark within our sight and under our guidance; then when comes our command, and the fountains of the earth gush forth, take thou on board pairs of every species, male and female, and thy family — except those of them against whom the word has already gone forth; and address Me not in favour of the wrongdoers; for they shall be drowned (in the Flood)

And when thou hast embarked on the Ark — thou and those with thee — say: "Praise be to Allah, Who have saved us from the people who do wrong".

And say: "O my Lord! enable me to disembark with Thy blessing: for Thou art the best to enable (us) to disembark".

Verily in this there are signs (for men to understand); (Thus) do We try (men).

Then We raised after them another generation; and we sent to them an Apostle from among themselves, (saying), "Worship Allah! Ye have no other God but Him. Will ye not fear (Him)".

And the chiefs of his people, who disbelieved and denied the meeting in the hereafter, and on whom We had bestowed the good things of this life, said: "He is no more than a man like yourselves; he eats of that of which ye eat, and drinks of what ye drink".

"If ye obey a man like yourselves, behold, it is certain ye will be lost".

"Does he promise that when ye die and become dust and bones, ye shall be brought forth (again)?

"Far, very far is that which ye are promised!

"There is nothing but our life in this world! We shall die and we live! but we shall never be raised up again! "He is only a man who invents a lie against Allah, but we are not the ones to believe in him!"

(The Prophet) said: "O my Lord! Help me, for that they accuse me falsehood".

(Allah) said: "In but a little while, they are sure to be sorry"!

Then the blast overtook them with justice and we made them as rubbish of dead leaves (floating on the stream of time)! So away with the people who do wrong!

The We raised after them other generations.

No people can hasten their term, nor can they delay (it).

Then sent we our Apostles in succession: every time there came to a people their Apostles, they accused him of falsehood; so We made them follow each other (In punishment): We made them as a tale (that is told):

So away with a people that will not believe!

Then we sent Moses and his brother Aaron with our signs and authority manifest, to Pharaoh and his Chiefs; but these behaved insolently; they were arrogant people.

They said: "Shall we believe in two men like ourselves? And their people are subject to us"!

So they accused them falsehood, and they became of those who were destroyed.

And we gave Moses the Book, in order that they might receive guidance.

And we made the son of Mary and his mother as Sign;

We gave them both shelter on high ground, affording rest and security and furnished with springs.

O ye Apostles! enjoy (all) things good and pure, and work righteousness: For I am well acquainted with (all) that ye do.

And verily this Brotherhood of yours is a single Brotherhood, and I am your Lord and Cherisher; therefore fear Me (and no other).

But people have cut off their affair (of unity), between them, into sects; each party rejoices in that which is with itself.

But leave them in their confused ignorance for a time.

Do they think that because We have granted them abundance of wealth and sons, we would hasten them on in every good? Nay, they do not understand.

Verily, those who live in awe for fear of their Lord;

Those who believe in the Signs of their Lord;

Those who join not (in worship) partners with their Lord:

And those who dispense their charity with their hearts full of fear, because they will return to their Lord; —

It is these who hasten in every good work, and these who are foremost in them.

On no soul do We place a burden greater than it can bear; before us is a record which clearly shows the truth: they will never be wronged.

But their hearts are in confused ignorance of this; and there are besides that, deeds of theirs, which they will (continue) to do, —

Until, when We seize in punishment those of them who received the good things of this world behold, they will groan in supplication!

It will be said: "Groan not in supplication this day; for ye shall certainly not be helped by Us.

"My Signs used to be rehearsed to you but ye used to turn back on your heels —

"In arrogance: talking nonsense about the (Quran), like one telling fables by night.

Do they not ponder over the world (of Allah), or has anything (new) come to them that did not come to their fathers of old?

Or do they not recognise their Apostle, that they deny Him?

Or do they say, "He is possessed"? Nay, he has brought them the truth, but most of them hate the truth.

If the truth had been in accord with their desires, truly the heavens and the earth, and all beings therein would have been in confusion and corruption! Nay, We have sent them their admonition, but they turn away from their admonition.

Or is it that thou askest them for some recompense? But the recompense of thy Lord is best; He is the best of those who give sustenance.

But verily thou callest them to the Straight Way.

And verily those who believe not in the hereafter are deviating from that way.

If We had mercy on them and removed the distress which is on them, they would obstinately persist in their transgression, wandering in distraction to and from.

We inflicted punishment on them, but they humbled not themselves to their Lord, nor do they submissively entreat (Him)!

Until We open on them a gate leading to a severe punishment: then Lo! they will be plunged in despair therein!

It is He Who has created for you (the faculties of) hearing, sight, feeling and understanding: little thanks it is ye give!

And He has multiplied you through the earth, and to Him shall ye be gathered back.

It is He Who gives life and death, and to Him (is due) the alternation of Night and Day: Will ye not then understand?

On the contrary they say things similar to what the ancients said.

They say: "What! When we die and become dust and bones, could we really be raised up again?"

Such things have been promised to us and to our fathers before! they are nothing but tales of the ancients!"

Say: "To whom belong the earth and all beings therein (say) if ye know!"

They will say, "To Allah"! say: Yet will ye not receive admonition"?

Say: "Who is the Lord of the seven heavens and the Lord of the Throne (of Glory) Supreme"?

They will say, "(They belong) to Allah". Say, "Will ye not then be filled with awe"?

Say: "Who is it in whose hands is the governance of all things, — who protects (all), but is not protected (of any)? (Say) if ye know",

They will say, "(It belongs) to Allah". Say, "Then how are you deluded"?

We have sent them the truth; but they indeed practise falsehood!

No son did Allah beget, nor is there any God along with Him; (if there were many Gods) behold, each God would have taken away what he had created, and some would have Lorded it over others! Glory to Allah! (He is free) from the (sort of) things they attribute to Him!

He knows what is hidden and what is open; too high is He for the partners they attribute to Him!

Say: "O my Lord! If Thou will show me (in my lifetime) that which they are warned against, —

"Then, O my Lord! put me not amongst the people who do wrong"!

And we are certainly able to show thee (in fulfilment) that against which they are warned.

Repel evil with that which is best: We are well acquainted with the things they say.

And say: "O my Lord! I seek refuge with Thee from the suggestions of the Evil Ones;

"And I seek refuge with Thee, O my Lord! lest they should come near me".

In falsehood will they be until, when death comes to one of them, he say: "O my Lord! send me back (to life), —

"In order that I may work righteousness in the

things I neglected", — "By no means! It is but a word he says", — Before them is a Partition till the Day they are raised up.

Then when the Trumpet is blown, there will be no more relationships between them that day, nor will one ask after another!

Then those whose balance (of good deeds) is heavy, — they will attain salvation:

But those whose balance is light, will be those who have lost their souls; in Hell will they abide.

The Fire will burn their faces, and they will therein grin with their lips displaced.

Were not My Signs rehearsed to you and ye did but treat them as falsehoods"?

They will say: "Our Lord! Our misfortune over-whelmed us and we became a people astray!

"Our Lord! bring us out of this: if ever we return (to evil), then shall we be wrongdoers indeed!

He will say: "Be ye driven into it (with ignominy)! and speak ye not to Me!

"A party of My servants there was, who used to pray, Our Lord! we believe, then do Thou forgive us; and have mercy upon us; for thou art the best of those who show mercy"!

"But ye treated them with ridicule, so much so that (Ridicule of) them made you forget My Message while ye were laughing at them!

"I have rewarded them this day for their patience and constancy: they are indeed the ones that have achieved Bliss".

He will say: "What number of years did ye stay on earth"?

They will say: "What stayed a day or part of a day; but ask those who keep account".

He will say, "Ye stayed not but a little, — If ye had only known!

"Did ye then think that We had created you in

you in jest, and that ye would not be brought back to Us (for account)"?

Therefore exalted be Allah, the King, the Reality; there is no God but He, the Lord of the Throne of Honour!

If anyone invokes, besides Allah any other God, he has no authority therefor; and his reckoning will be only with His Lord! And verily the unbelievers will fail to win through!

So say: "O my Lord; Grant Thou forgiveness and mercy for Thou art the best of those who show mercy"!

(Surah: 23 — 118)

"Seest thou not those that dispute concerning the Signs of Allah? How are they turned away (from Reality)? —

"Those who reject the Book (Quran) and the (revelations) with which We sent Our Apostles; but soon shall they know when the yokes (shall be) round their necks, and the chains, they shall be dragged along — in the boiling feted fluid, then in the Fire shall they be burned".

(Surah: 40 — 69 to 72)



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