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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ انْفَعْنِي بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنِي وَ
عَلِّمْنِي مَا يَنْفَعُنِي وَ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

O Allah, benefit me with what
You have taught me, and teach
me that which benefits me, and
increase me in knowledge.

(AT TIRMIDHI & IBN MAJAH)



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The Three Questions

Allah has tasked two angels, al-Munkar and al-Nakeer who will come with a large and powerful iron rod, and will ask three questions to all those who have died and are in the grave.

To be able to protect ourselves and pass the questioning of the grave, we must not only memorise their answers, but we must live by them.

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Who is your Lord?

My Lord is Allah.

Two

Who is your Prophet?

My Prophet is Muhammad ﷺ

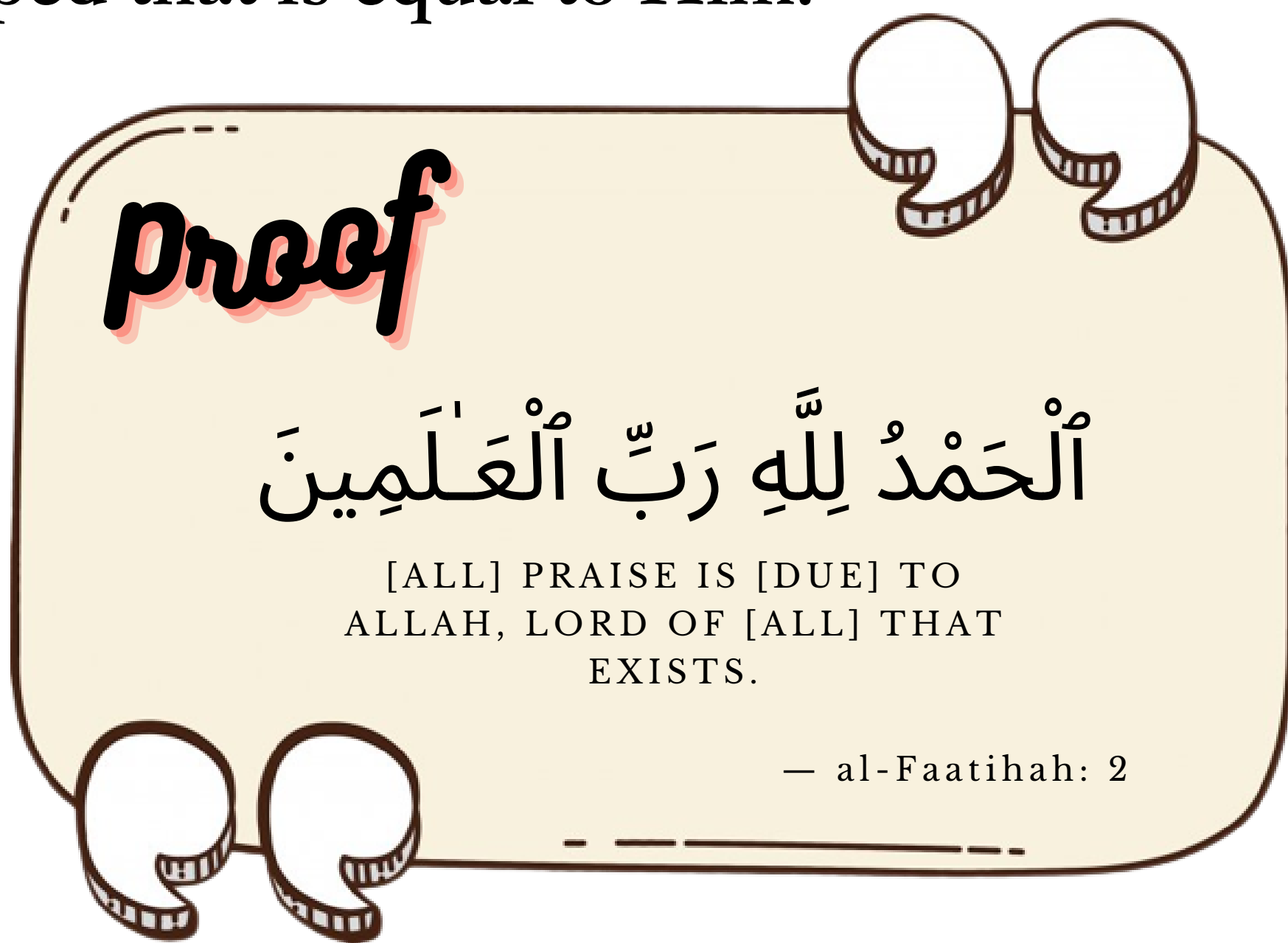
Three

What is your religion?

My religion is Islam.

Who is Your Lord?

My Lord is Allah, the One, the Only One, begets not nor is He begotten, the Eternal, the Absolute. There is none like unto Him. There is none comparable to Him. He is the One who nurtured me and nurtured all of creation through His favours. And He is the One whom I worship, there being to me no (false) Deity worshipped that is equal to Him.



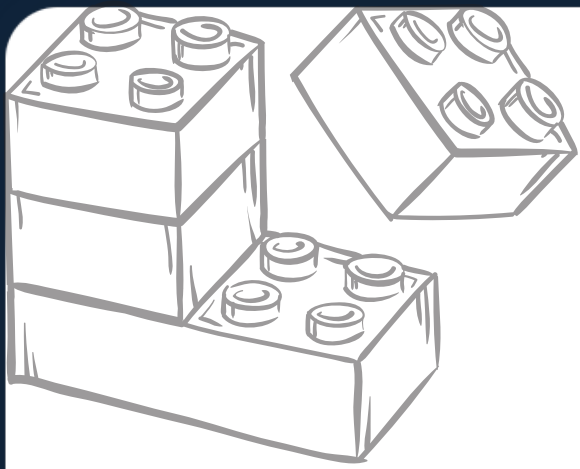
● Aqeedah is only taken based on proofs:

1. From the Qur'an
2. The authentic Sunnah
3. The consensus ('ijmaa) of the Sahabah

● Our interpretation of the religion comes from the three golden generations:

1. The Sahabah - who lived and witnessed the revelation
2. The Tabi'een - the students of the Sahabah
3. The Students of the Tabi'een





Who created us?



Allah created me and He created all things. Allah is the only One who creates anything from nothing, He only says ‘Be’ and it is. Allah is the only One who creates with perfection, without defects and faults, unlike His creation. Nothing exists except that it lives under the care and provisions of Allah.

proof

اللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ ^{صلى}

ALLAH IS THE CREATOR OF
ALL THINGS

— az-Zumar: 62

Allah creates anything from nothing	The creation creates/ builds from that which already exists by Allah’s permission
Allah creates with perfection, free of deficiency and fault	The creation create without perfection, it’s not possible for them to create with perfection

Allah does not get tired or fatigued from creating	The creation get tired and exhausted, and become weak
Allah is not in need of anything to create, He says ‘Be’ and it is	The creation is dependent on many things and resources to create

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Surely, your Lord is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days and then Istawa (rose over) the Throne (really in a manner that suits His Majesty), disposing the affair of all things.

— Surat Yunus: 3

Why were we created?

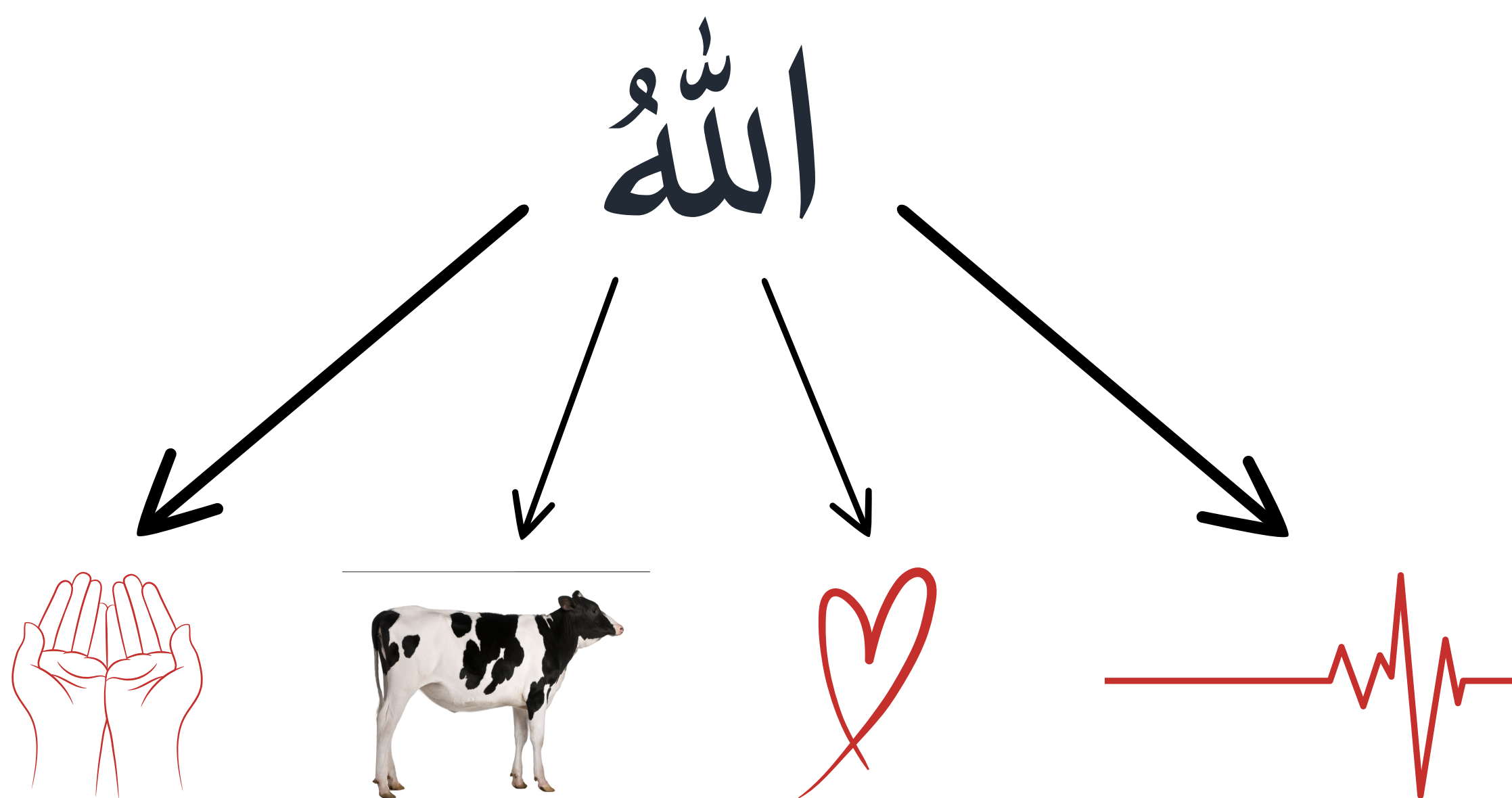
We were created by Allah to worship Him and worship Him alone. To worship Allah is our purpose in life. He didn't create us in vein or playfully. As Muslims we have been tasked with inheriting from the Messengers of God and calling to good and prohibiting evil. Worshipping Allah is our true purpose.

Proof

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

I DID NOT CREATE MANKIND
OR JINNKIND EXCEPT TO
WORSHIP ME

— Surat Adh-Dhariyat: 56



قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Say, “Surely my prayer, my sacrifice, my life, and my death are all for Allah—Lord of all worlds.

— Surat al-An'am: 162

The Signs of Allah

We were created by Allah to worship Him and worship Him alone. As Muslims we have been tasked with inheriting from the Messengers of God and calling to good and prohibiting evil.

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

INDEED, IN THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND THE ALTERNATION OF THE DAY AND NIGHT THERE ARE SIGNS FOR PEOPLE OF REASON.

— Surat Ali 'Imran: 190

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ
الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فِرْشًا وَالسَّمَاءَ بِنَاءً وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجَ بِهِ
مِنَ الشَّجَرِ رِزْقًا لَّكُمْ ۖ فَلَا تَجْعَلُوا لِلَّهِ أَنْدَادًا وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

O HUMANITY! WORSHIP YOUR LORD, WHO CREATED YOU AND THOSE BEFORE YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY BECOME MINDFUL OF HIM.

HE IS THE ONE WHO HAS MADE THE EARTH A PLACE OF SETTLEMENT FOR YOU AND THE SKY A CANOPY; AND SENDS DOWN RAIN FROM THE SKY, CAUSING FRUITS TO GROW AS A PROVISION FOR YOU. SO DO NOT KNOWINGLY SET UP EQUALS TO ALLAH IN WORSHIP.

— Surat al-Baqarah: 21-22

- If you commit Shirk, you are not a Muslim anymore.
- Associating partners with Allah or worshipping other than Allah is Shirk.
- All forms of worship must be directed to Allah alone.
- Allah created all of the heavens and the Earth and everything within it.

Where is Allah?

It is proven in the Quran and Sunnah (Prophetic teachings) and by the consensus (Ijmaa') of the Salaf (early generations) that Allah is above His heavens, He rose over His Divine Throne (in a manner befitting His Majesty), and that He is the Exalted, Most High. He is above all things, and there is nothing that is above Him. Allah is not everywhere or in every place.

“اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۚ مَا لَكُمْ مِّن دُونِهِ مِن وَلِيٍّ وَلَا شَفِيعٍ ۚ أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ

“Allah, it is He Who has created the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them in six days. Then He rose over (istawa) the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). You (mankind) have none, besides Him, as a Wali (protector or helper) or an intercessor. Will you not then remember (or receive admonition)?” 32:4

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۚ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ ۚ مَا مِنْ شَفِيعٍ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ إِذْنِهِ ۚ ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۚ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ

“Surely, your Lord is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then rose over (istawa) the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty), disposing the affair of all things.” 10:3

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعِزَّةَ فَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ جَمِيعًا ۚ إِلَيْهِ يَصْعَدُ الْكَلِمُ الطَّيِّبُ وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ يَرْفَعُهُ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ يَمْكُرُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ ۚ وَمَكْرُ أُولَٰئِكَ هُوَ يَبُورُ

“To Him ascend (all) the goodly words, and the righteous deeds exalt it (i.e. the goodly words are not accepted by Allah unless and until they are followed by good deeds).” 35:10

هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ ۚ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

“He is the First (nothing is before Him) and the Last (nothing is after Him), the Most High (nothing is above Him) and the Most Near (nothing is nearer than Him).” 57:3

~~Everywhere~~

الله



أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ^ط مَا يَكُونُ مِنْ نَجْوَى ثَلَاثَةٍ إِلَّا هُوَ رَابِعُهُمْ وَلَا خَمْسَةٍ إِلَّا هُوَ سَادِسُهُمْ وَلَا أَدْنَى مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْثَرَ إِلَّا هُوَ مَعَهُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كَانُوا^ط ثُمَّ يُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا عَمِلُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ^ج إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

“Have you not seen that Allah knows whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth? There is no Najwa (secret counsel) of three, but He is their fourth (with His Knowledge, while He Himself is over the Throne, over the seventh heaven), nor of five but He is their sixth (with His Knowledge), not of less than that or more, but He is with them (with His Knowledge) wheresoever they may be; and afterwards on the Day of Resurrection, He will inform them of what they did. Verily, Allah is the All-Knower of everything.”

58:7

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“He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then rose over (istawa) the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). He knows what goes into the earth and what comes forth from it, and what descends from the heaven and what ascends thereto. And He is with you (by His Knowledge) wheresoever you may be.”

57:4

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسْوِسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ^ط وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

“And We are nearer to him than his jugular vein (by Our Knowledge).”

50:16

Some of the Sahabah used to ask this question to the Messenger of Allah, and he would use this as a criterion in some cases to distinguish a believer from a non-believer. This is an important question.

Subhana Rabiyyal ‘Ala (glory be to Allah, the Most High) is a direct contradiction to those who claim Allah is everywhere.



Where is
Allah?

الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى

Allah rose over His gigantic
Divine throne in a manner
that suits His Majesty.

— Surat Taha: 5





Mu'awwiyah bin al-Hakam as-Salmi said:

"I had a slave-girl who used to herd sheep for me. One day I discovered that a wolf had killed one of her sheep, and I'm a man from the children of Adam, I get upset like they get upset, and I slapped her in the face. Then I went to the Prophet who impressed upon me the seriousness of my act.

I said: 'O Messenger of Allah, should I not set her free?'

He said: 'Bring her to me.'

So I brought her to the Messenger of Allah.

He (then) asked her: 'Where is Allah?'

She said (and in one narration, 'while pointing up towards the sky...'): 'He is above the heavens.'

He said: 'Who am I?'

She replied: 'You are the Messenger of Allah.'

Upon hearing this, the Messenger of Allah said to me: 'Free her, for she is a believer.' "

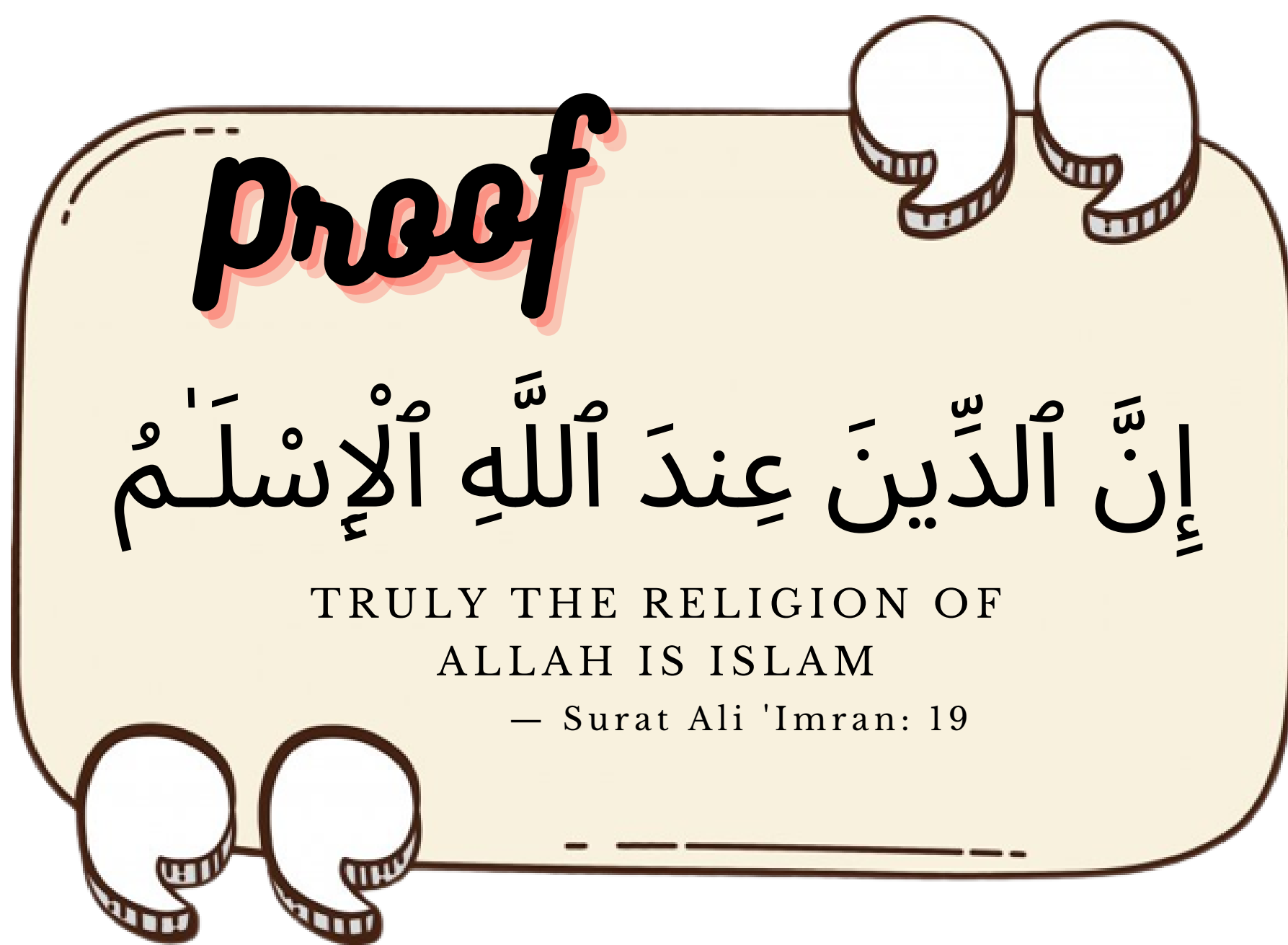
- [Muslim and Abou Dawood]

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ



What is Your Religion?

Islam is my religion and I am a Muslim. We submit to Allah's Oneness (Tawheed). Abiding by His laws and always seeking to attain His pleasure through obedience. And never committing Shirk by associating partners with Allah.



Islam is complete and there are no changes or alterations. Allah said He has completed His religion and favour, therefore anything which was not a part of Islam during the Prophet's time, will never be a part of it.

We follow Islam as the Prophet followed it and as the Sahaabah understood it, not our own thoughts and logic. The Sahaabah were the biggest scholars of this religion, they were the students of the Messenger of Allah!

The greatest blessing we have is being blessed with Islam. We should feel honoured as this is the best nation Allah created, for this we should display eternal gratitude.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

There is no Deity worthy of being worshipped, followed or obeyed except Allah alone.

Statement of Tawheed

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ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ

THAT IS BECAUSE ALLAH IS
THE TRUTH

— Surat al-Hajj: 62

”



This is regularly incorrectly translated as: “No God but Allah.” This is an incorrect statement because there are other things being falsely worshipped as a God besides Allah.



All the Prophets and Messengers called to Laa ilaha illAllah. It is the reason why Allah created life and death.



The Mushrikeen believed in Allah, but remained Mushrikeen because although they believed in Allah, they did not worship Him. They took mediators between themselves and Allah.

Negation and Affirmation

Laa ilaha illAllah has two pillars:

Negation ✓

Affirmation ✗

Negation of all worship offered to other than Allah.

Affirmation that all worship is due rightfully to Allah alone, who has no peer, no partner nor associate.

Kufr
But Taghout

Taghout (Juggernaut) is anything that is worshipped besides Allah, and they are pleased with that worship. As Muslims we denounce and hate taghout as they violate the right of Allah, which is to be worshipped.

A popular example of taghout today are presidents and prime ministers. They make people commit Shirk by voting for them in democratic elections, and make laws that replace and oppose the Shari'ah of Allah.

إِنَّ الْحُكْمَ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ ج

Verily (the right to) legislation belongs to none but Allah

— Surat Yusuf: 40



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولَى
الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ ۖ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ
وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۚ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ
وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.

— Surat an-Nisa: 59

Our Promise - Allah's Right

The right Allah has upon us is to worship Him alone and to stay away from Shirk. The right we have upon Allah in return (as a mercy and favour from Allah) is to not punish us in return.

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: “O Mu’adh, do you know what is the right of Allah upon His servants?”

I said: “Allah and His Messenger know best.”

The Prophet said: “To worship Him alone and to associate none in worship with Him. And do you know what is their right upon Him?”

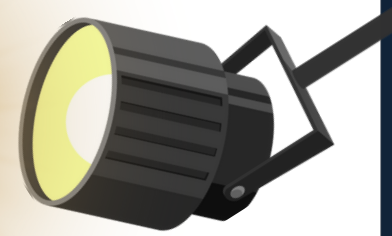
I said: “Allah and His Messenger know best.”

The Prophet said: “Not to punish them if they do so.”

- [Bukhaari & Muslim]

Du'ah

PROTECTION AGAINST
SHIRK & RIYAA



اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ

O Allah, I seek refuge with You from knowingly associating anything with You, and I seek Your forgiveness for that which I do unknowingly.

— Bukhaari

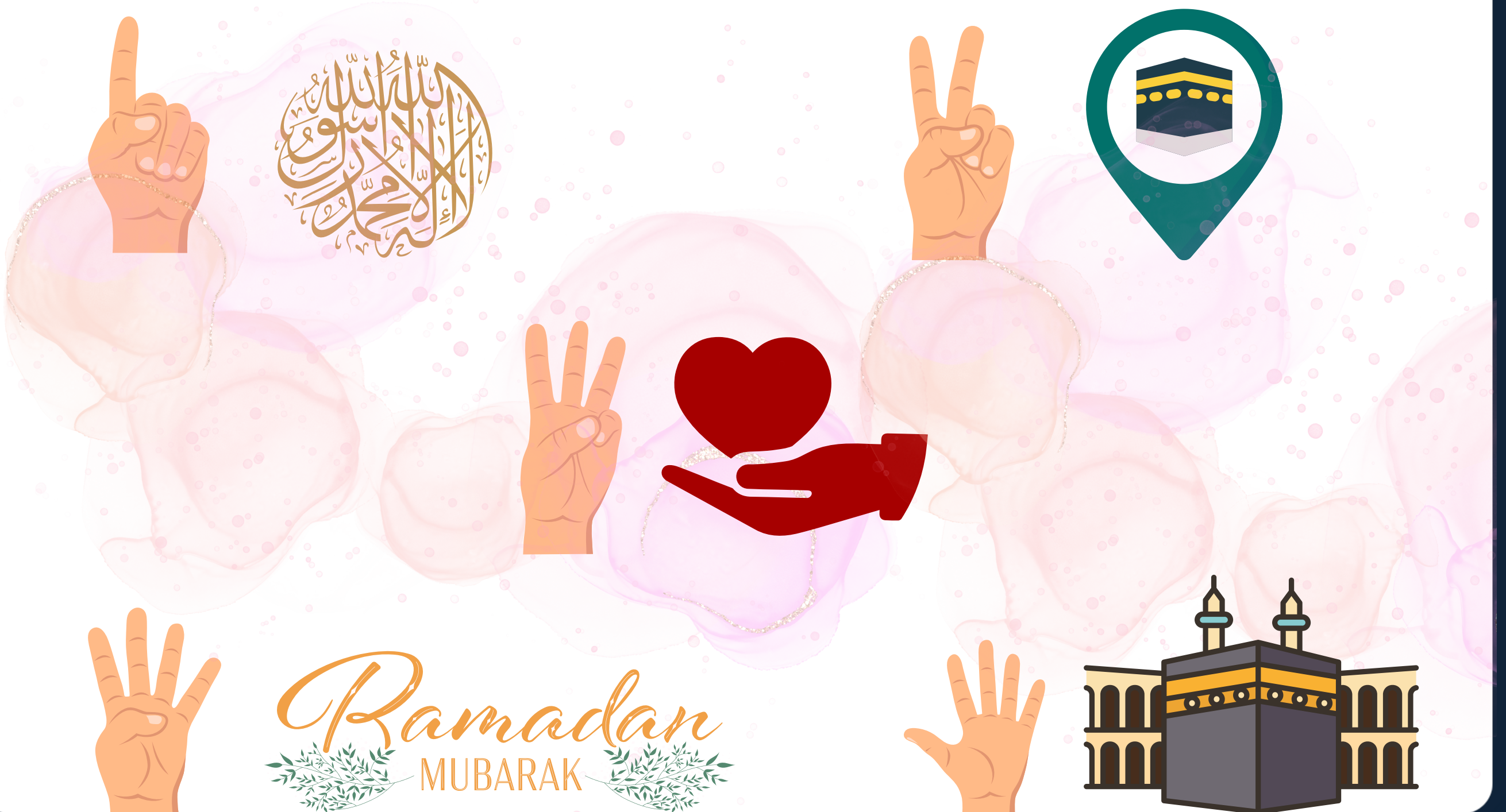
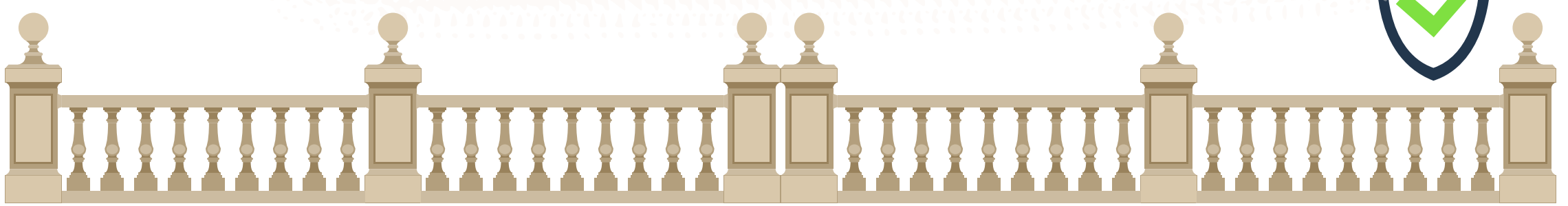
The servants having a right over Allah is not comparable to Allah having a right over His creation, because we do not have a choice in the matter and we are in need of it. This is a mercy and favour of Allah upon His creation. We did not make a right of Allah, Allah made a right over Himself!

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The 5 Pillars of Islam

Islam has five pillars. A pillar is a structure that has to be firm in order for our Deen to be strong, and not to crumble down at the first minor shock. These pillars are the minimum requirement for a Muslim. These pillars are outward physical actions.

Ibn Umar reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Islam is built upon five: to worship Allah and to disbelieve in what is worshiped besides Him, to establish prayer, to give charity, to perform the Hajj pilgrimage to the house, and to fast the month of Ramadan." - Bukhaari



1. Testimony of faith:

Declaring that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is His last Prophet and Messenger

2. Establishing the prayer:

Praying our five daily prayers at their fixed times

3. Giving zakaat:

Giving 2.5% of our wealth as charity, yearly

4. Fasting:

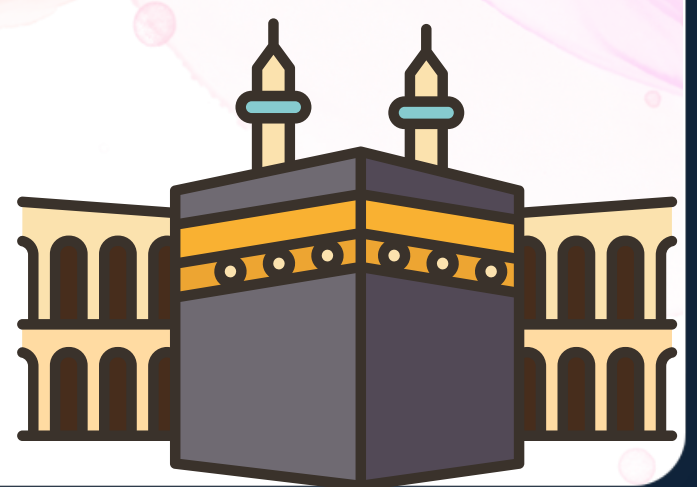
The month of Ramadan

5. Performing Hajj:

For those that are able, once in their lifetime



Ramadan
MUBARAK



The 6 Pillars of Imaan

There are six pillars of Imaan, these pillars are beliefs performed inwardly, done by the heart, unlike the pillars of Islam.

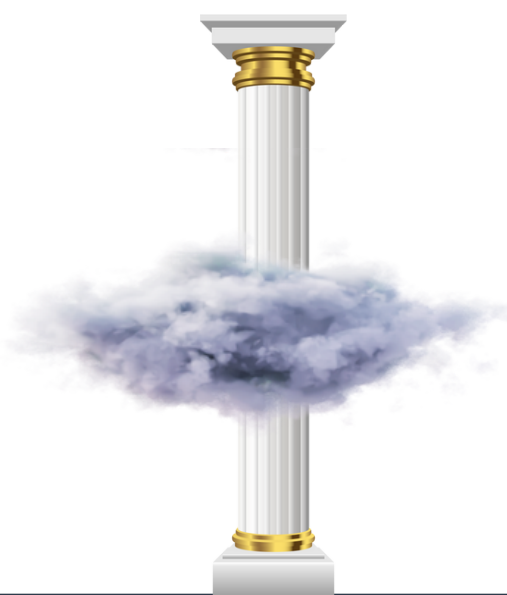
Umar ibn al-Khattab reported: The Prophet was asked by Jibreel about Imaan and he said: 'It is to believe in Allah, His angels, His books, His Messengers, the Last Day and to believe in the Divine pre-decreed affairs of good and evil thereof.' - Muslim



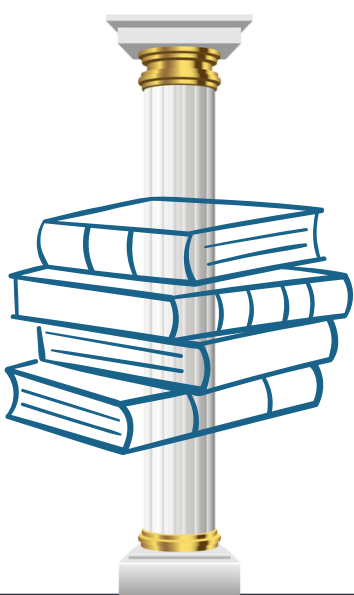
Belief in Allah



Belief in His angels



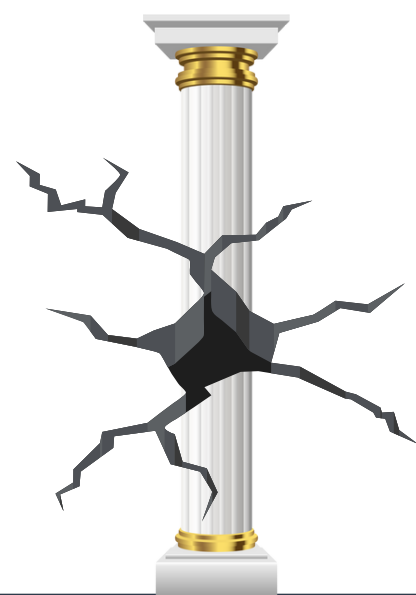
Belief in His books



Belief in His Prophets



Belief in the Last Day

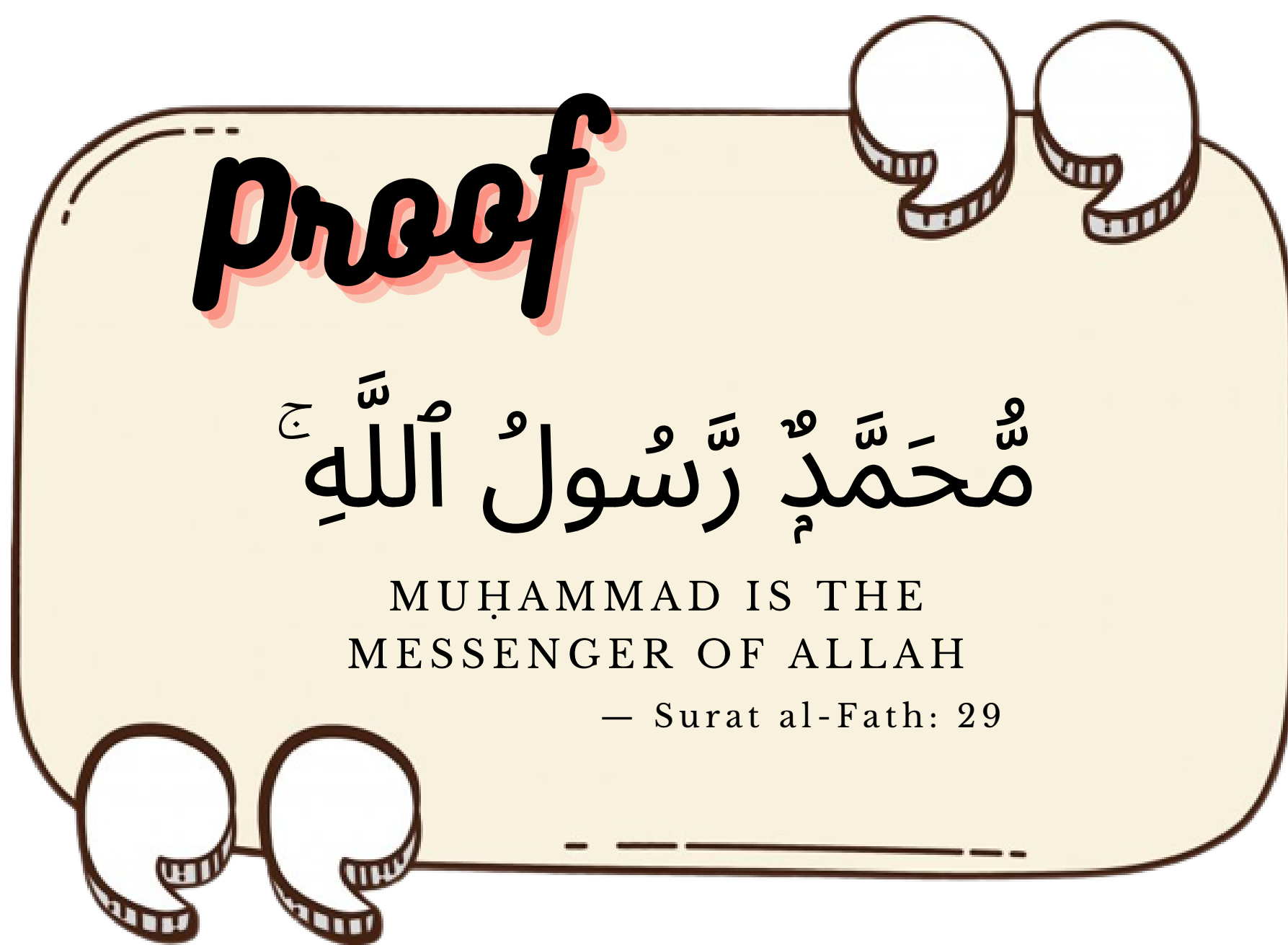


Belief in the Qadr



Who is Your Prophet?

He is Muhammad, the son of ‘Abdullah, the son of ‘Abdul-Mutallib bin Hashim. Hashim was from the (the tribe of) Quraysh and Quraysh was from the Arabs. And the Arabs are from the offspring of (Prophet) Isma’eel, son of (Prophet) Ibrahim.



We have to follow the way of the Messenger by:

1. By obeying what he commanded
2. Believing and being certain about what he informed
3. Staying away from anything which he forbade
4. Worshiping Allah **only** the way he (the Prophet) taught us to worship Him.

The Sunnah includes:

1. The Prophet's sayings
2. The Prophet's actions
3. The Prophet's tacit approvals

Warning

It is not sufficient to memorise your answers. The answers will flow from you depending on how you lived your life and how you abided by his Sunnah.



Muhammad was sent by Allah to all people as the last and final Messenger. It is an obligation to follow and obey him.

Statement of Tawheed

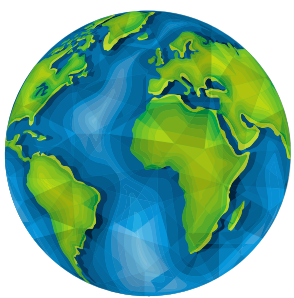
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وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِلنَّاسِ

AND WE HAVE NOT SENT YOU
EXCEPT COMPREHENSIVELY
TO MANKIND

”

— Surat Saba: 28



Muhammad ﷺ has been sent to all humans and all Jinns



Out of obedience to Allah, we must follow the Prophet and obey him and worship Allah only the way he taught us to worship him



The Prophet's name appears in the Qur'an five times, four times as Muhammad and one time as Ahmad



His name is honoured and glorified, Allah made his name always be mentioned and praised by connecting it directly with His name in the Shahadah



The Sahabah followed the Prophet in everything

The Greatest Sin

The greatest sin one can commit is Shirk because they violate the right of the Creator, Allah Almighty. It is worse than murder and drinking alcohol!

Proof

the greatest prohibition is Shirk and the greatest commandment is Tawheed.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ

INDEED, ALLAH DOES NOT FORGIVE ASSOCIATION WITH HIM, BUT HE FORGIVES WHAT IS LESS THAN THAT FOR WHOM HE WILLS.

— Surat an-Nisa: 116

بَلَىٰ مَنْ كَسَبَ سَيِّئَةً وَأَحَاطَتْ بِهِ خَطِيئَتُهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

YES, WHOEVER EARNS EVIL AND HIS SIN HAS ENCOMPASSED HIM - THOSE ARE THE COMPANIONS OF THE FIRE; THEY WILL ABIDE THEREIN ETERNALLY.

— Surat al-Baqarah: 81

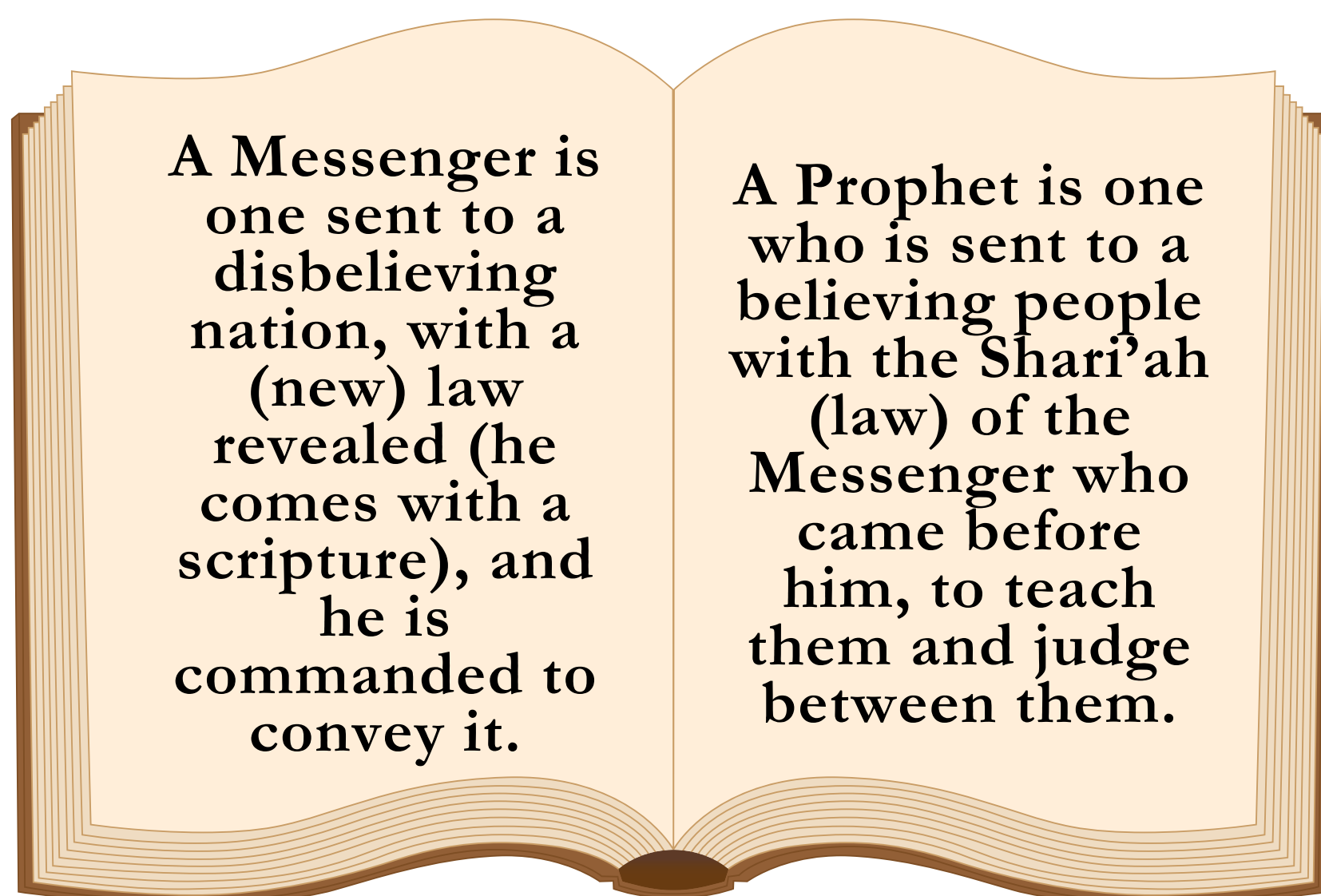
What is Tawheed?

tawheed is the forbiddance of Shirk (associating partners with Allah), in all its manifestations. It is to single out Allah in what is specific to Him from the oneness of His Lordship, Worship and Names & Attributes.

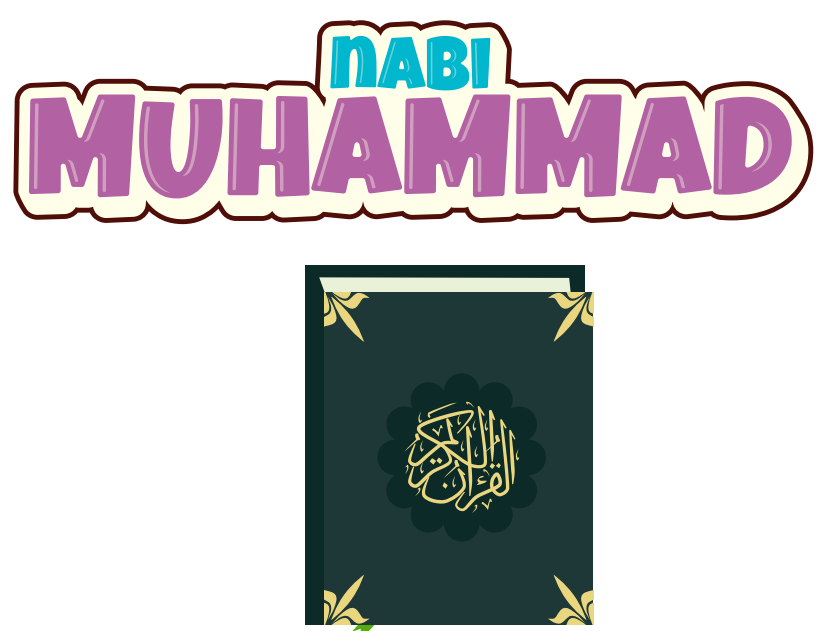
Shirk is a crime so big, Allah sent special people (Prophets and Messengers) to warn people from it.

Prophets & Messengers

The First Prophet



The Last Prophet & Messenger



مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ
اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ ^{قُلْ}
Muhammad is not the father of any of
your men, but is the Messenger of Allah
and the seal of the prophets.

— Surat al-Ahzab: 40

The First Messenger



The Prophet Muhammad said about people
gathering on the Judgement Day, they will
go to Nuh and say: "O Nuh, you are the first
Messenger sent to people on Earth and
Allah has called you a grateful slave..."

— Bukhaari

In Allah's wisdom, He decreed that Adam should be the father of mankind, and His wisdom, mercy and justice decreed that from among Adam's progeny He should select an elite of Messengers and Prophets. Among those whom He chose and preferred over others were the Messengers of strong will [Uloo'l-'Azm]. And He chose and favoured above them all their leader, the final Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad ibn 'Abdullah. He is indeed the leader of the sons of Adam. He will carry the banner and will be granted the power of intercession [on the Day of Resurrection]. He is the one who will attain al-maqam al-mahmood (the Praised Position) in Paradise, which will be given to one person only, and that person will be our Prophet (peace be upon him). Hence Allah took the covenant and pledge from all the Prophets that if Muhammad was sent during the lifetime of any one of them, they would be obliged to follow him, to leave behind what they had brought and follow what Muhammad brought.

THE 5 MIGHTY MESSENGERS



NABI
MUSA

NABI
IBRAHIM

NABI
ISA

NABI
NUH



Every Messenger
is a Prophet but
not every
Prophet is a
Messenger.



We do not differentiate
between the message and
call of the Prophets and
Messengers, but Allah
placed them in different
status & levels.

The Call/Da'wah

All the Prophets and Messengers came with one and the same message. They came with the same purpose which was to correct the people's corrupted beliefs.

All the Prophets and Messengers said plainly to the people: "O my people, there is no God but Allah, so worship Him and worship Him alone."

We do not differentiate between the Prophets and Messengers in their message, it was a united message - to worship Allah alone without association (Tawheed). They were all sent by Allah to guide the people to the truth. There is no distinction between them in their message.

As for their status and prestige, some exceed over others. First are the Prophets, from them are chosen Messengers, from among them five are chosen as the Mighty Messengers (Uloo'l-'Azm), and from the best amongst all is the greatest man Allah created, the most honourable of all Prophets and Messengers - Muhammad (peace be upon him).

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَّسُولًا أَنِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ^ص

AND WE CERTAINLY SENT INTO EVERY NATION A MESSENGER, [SAYING], "WORSHIP ALLAH AND AVOID TAGHUT (FALSE DEITIES/JUGGERNAUT)."

— Surat an-Nahl: 36

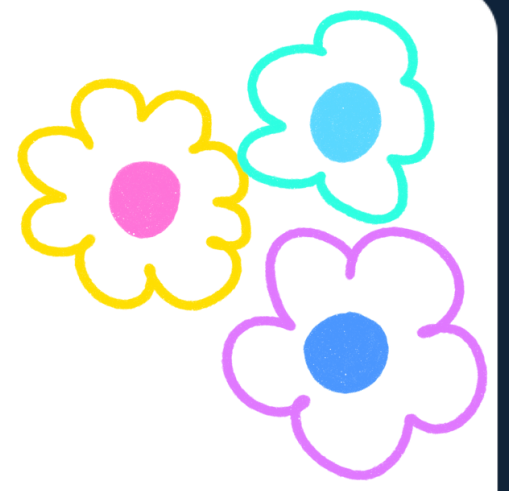
تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ مِّنْهُمْ مَّنْ كَلَّمَ اللَّهَ^ط وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٍ^ج وَءَاتَيْنَا

عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَيَّدْنَاهُ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ^ق

THOSE MESSENGERS! WE PREFERRED SOME TO OTHERS; TO SOME OF THEM ALLAH SPOKE (DIRECTLY); OTHERS HE RAISED TO DEGREES (OF HONOUR); AND TO 'ISA (JESUS), THE SON OF MARYAM (MARY), WE GAVE CLEAR PROOFS AND EVIDENCES, AND SUPPORTED HIM WITH RUH-UL-QUDUS [JIBRAEL (GABRIEL)].

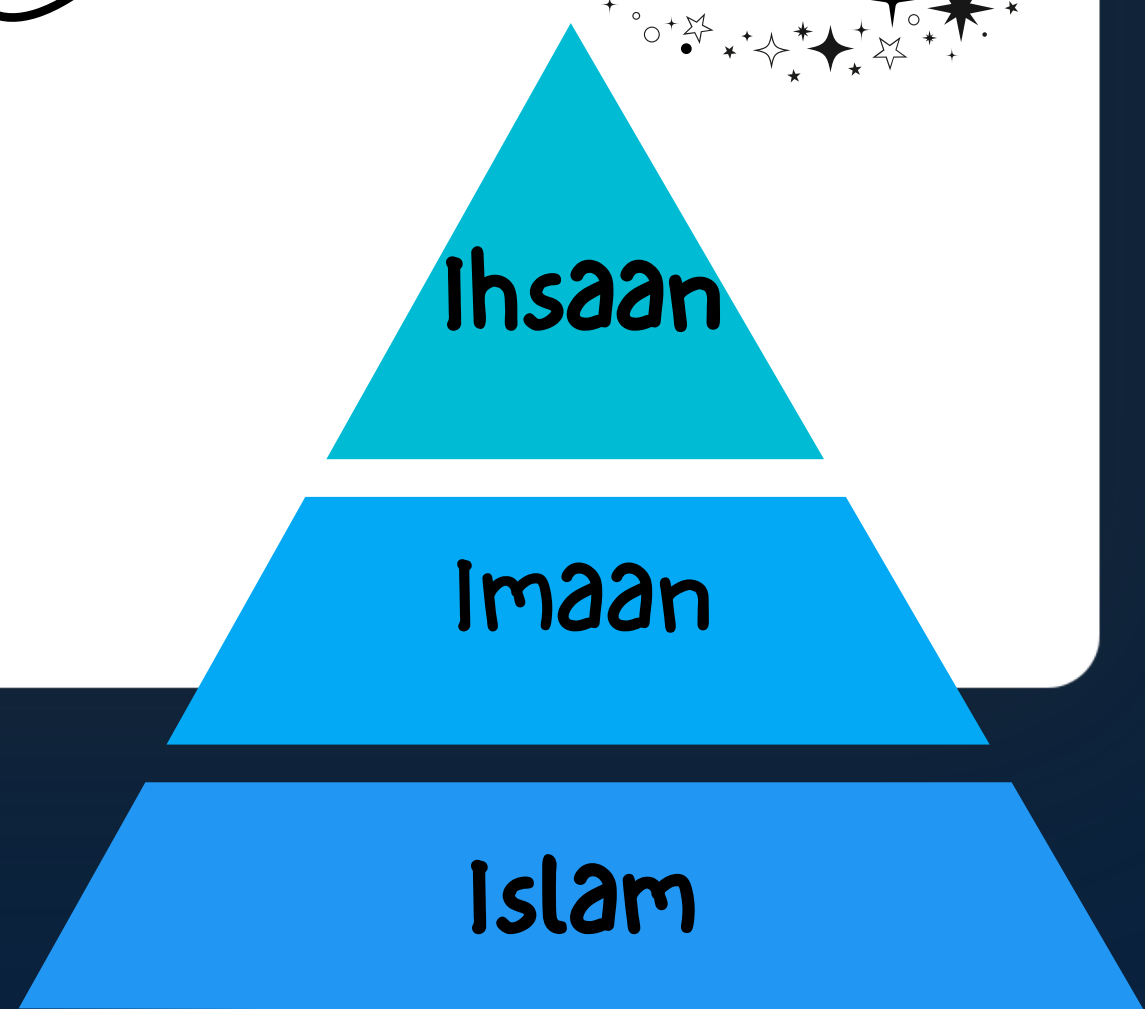
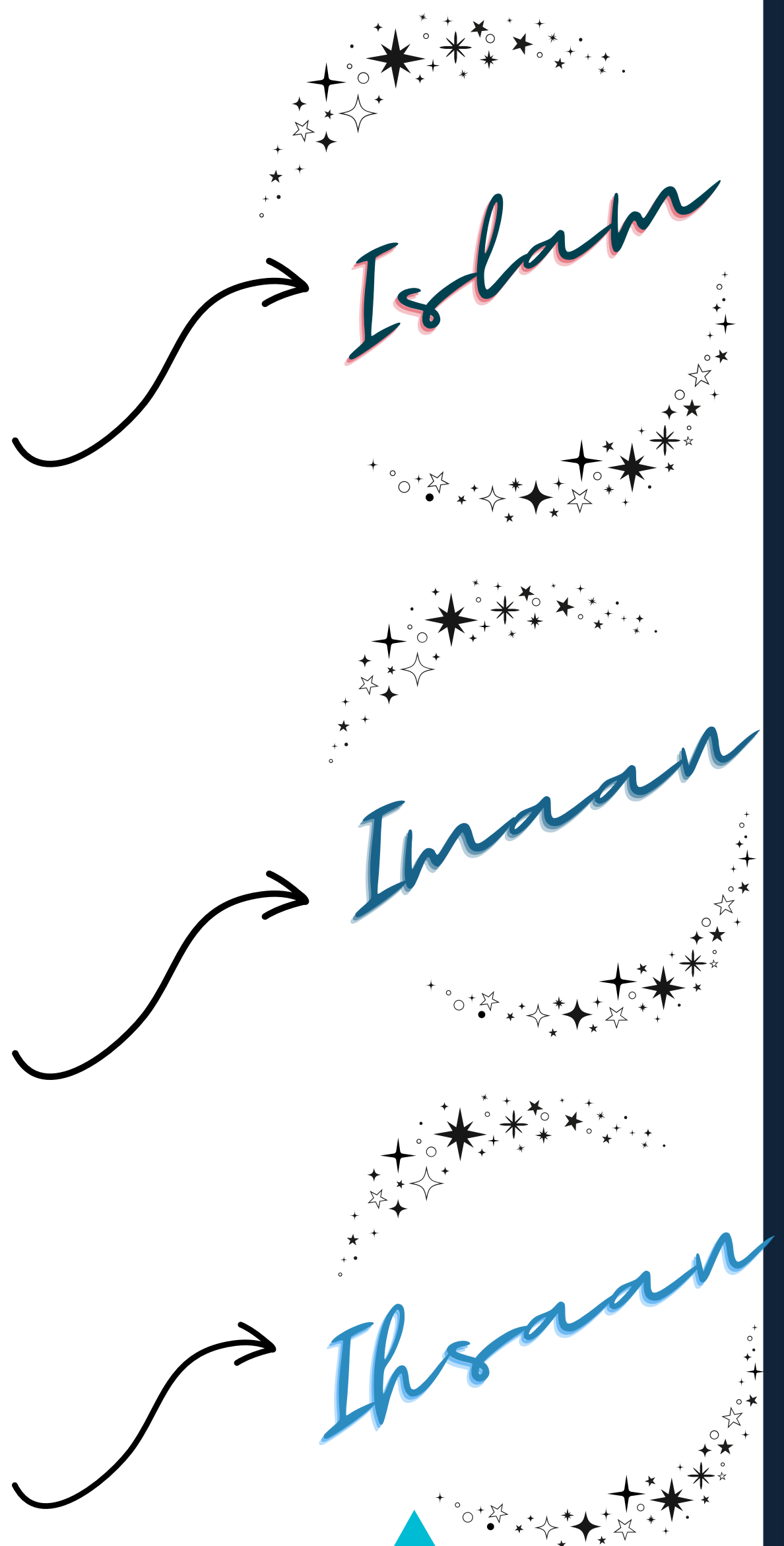
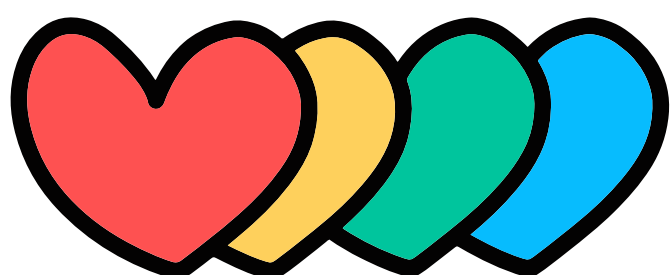
— Surat al-Baqarah: 253

Levels of the Deen



...The man asked: “O Muhammad, tell me about Islam.” The Prophet said: “Islam is to testify there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, to establish prayer, to give charity, to fast the month of Ramadan, and to perform pilgrimage to the House if a way is possible.” The man said: “You have spoken truthfully.” Then he said: “Tell me about faith.” The Prophet said: “Faith is to believe in Allah, His angels, His Books, His Messengers, the Last Day, and to believe in providence, its good and its harm.” The man said: “You have spoken truthfully. Tell me about excellence.” The Prophet said: “Excellence is to worship Allah as if you see Him, for if you do not see Him, He surely sees you.”...

— Sahih Muslim



Islam

This is the lowest level of faith, it is the bare minimum to be considered a Muslim. A person who enters Islam is called a Muslim. Islam means to submit to Allah fully in Tawheed and to obey Him, and stay away from Shirk and its people.

فَالِهَكُمْ إِلَهٌ وَحِدٌ فَلَهُ أَسْلِمُوا

FOR YOUR GOD IS ONLY ONE
GOD, SO SUBMIT YOURSELVES
TO HIM ALONE.

— Surat al-Hajj: 34

Shirk invalidates
one's Islam

Islam is incorrectly translated as “peace.” Islam contains within it peace and comes with peace but Islam means complete and utter submission to Allah alone.

True Islam is the one who submits to Allah and this Islam is to submit and accept completely what Allah has commanded and revealed.

You need to free yourself from Shirk and its people. To reject and speak against falsehood. You hate in your heart Shirk and that people are upon it, and do your best to speak against it, and the lowest level of faith is to hate it in your heart, the second is to speak against it and the highest degree of faith is to change it with your hand if you're in a position of authority to do so.

You should not sit with the people of Shirk and your association with them should be for Da'wah. In your day to day interactions with them, at the very least you hate their Shirk in your heart.

Imaan

This is the second degree of faith. A person who enters Imaan is called a Mu'min. Every Mu'min is a Muslim. Imaan increases with obedience and good deeds and decreases with disobedience and evil deeds.

The three pillars of Imaan:



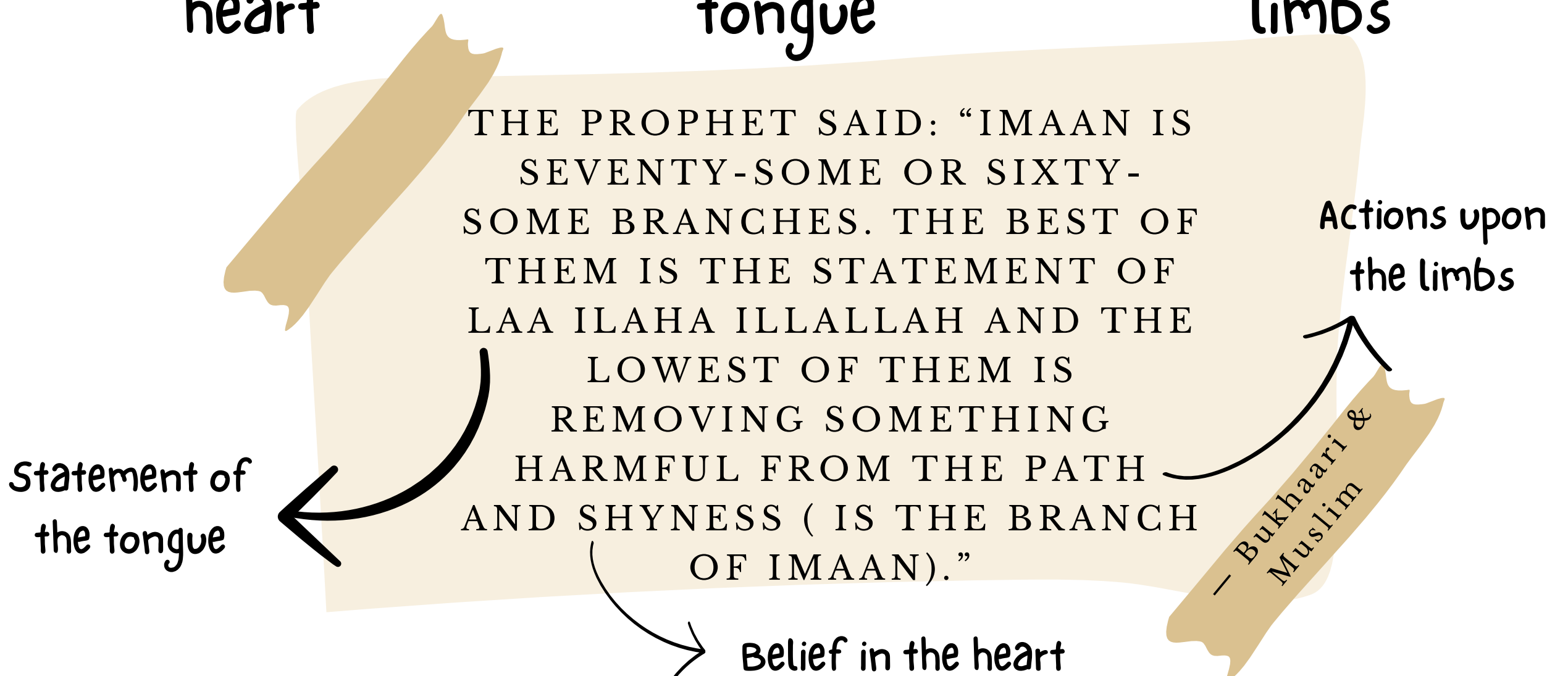
Belief in the
heart



Utterance on the
tongue



Action on the
limbs



- All three pillars need to be present within a person for their Imaan to be accepted. One must believe in the heart, display this belief through their words and act upon their beliefs e.g., pray, fast.

- Imaan is not only in the heart. This is the belief of the misguided Murji'ah. That's why when you advise people who sin in public, they reply, "My Imaan is in my heart." This is wrong. If Imaan is in the heart, it manifests itself on the tongue and the limbs. That's why we are commanded to judge people by the apparent.

Ihsaan

This is the highest degree of faith. A person who enters Ihsaan is called a Muhsin. Every Muhsin is also a Muslim and Mu'min. Ihsaan is to worship Allah as if you can see Him, and if you cannot, know He sees you.

...THEN HE THE MAN SAID TO THE PROPHET: "INFORM ME ABOUT IHSAAN," THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH ANSWERED: "IT IS THAT YOU SHOULD SERVE ALLAH AS THOUGH YOU CAN SEE HIM, FOR THOUGH YOU CANNOT SEE HIM YET (KNOW THAT) HE SEES YOU."

Ihsaan is about striving to do your best to perfect your Ibaadah. Make your whole life dedicated to Allah, from the breath you take to the time you sleep. Your worship is 24/7 with sincerity and according to the Sunnah.



NOTES

the pillar and definition is Ihsaan is the same. With Ihsaan one does their acts of worship to the best of their ability, hoping for Allah's reward.

You worship Allah with full and complete certainty. However, this does not mean a person can reach a level where they can see Allah. This is not possible in this life, it doesn't matter how righteous you are.

Conditions of Ibaadah (Worship)

Any good deed in Islam must be stipulated with two basic conditions for it to be accepted.

1 Sincerely and completely for the sake of Allah



وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ

AND THEY WERE NOT COMMANDED EXCEPT TO WORSHIP ALLAH, [BEING] SINCERE TO HIM IN RELIGION...

— Surat al-Bayyinah: 5

2 In accordance with the Quran and Sunnah



THE PROPHET (PEACE BE UPON HIM) SAID:
“WHOEVER DOES A DEED WHICH IS NOT FROM OUR AFFAIR, THEN IT IS REJECTED.”



the Qur'an and
authentic Sunnah

Being Muslim is a precondition for the acceptance of worship. Even if a person does lots of good deeds, but they are not Muslim, their deeds are not accepted. They have committed the worst crime ever, crime against God; Shirk.

وَقَدِمْنَا إِلَىٰ مَا عَمِلُوا مِنْ عَمَلٍ
فَجَعَلْنَاهُ هَبَاءً مَّنْثُورًا

AND WE WILL REGARD WHAT THEY HAVE DONE OF DEEDS AND MAKE THEM AS DUST DISPERSED.

— Surat al-Furqaan: 23

The Greatest Oppression

Shirk is the worst crime to ever be committed. It is a crime against the Almighty Allah. Shirk is directing forms of worship to other than Allah and it can take place in different forms.

Proof

وَإِذْ قَالَ لُقْمَنُ لِابْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ يَبْنَىٰ لَا
تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

DO NOT ASSOCIATE [ANYTHING] WITH
ALLAH. VERILY SHIRK IS THE GREATEST
OPPRESSION

— Surat Luqman: 13

*The 5 heads of
Taghut*

Iblis (Satan)

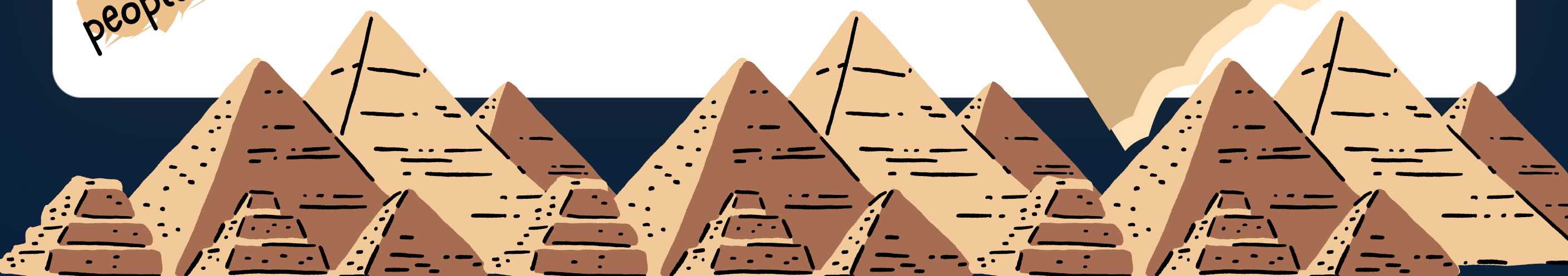
Whoever is worshipped
and is pleased with that

Whoever judges by
other than what Allah
sent down

Whoever calls the
people to worship them.

Whoever claims to
possess anything from
the knowledge of the
affairs of the hidden
and unseen

أَنْ أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ
WORSHIP ALLAH AND
AVOID TAGHUT
— Surat an-Nahl: 36



The Categories of Tawheed

- I Tawheed ar-Ruboobiyyah (Oneness of His Lordship)
- II Tawheed al-Uloohiyyah (Oneness of His worship)
- III Tawheed al-Asmaa Wa Sifaat (Oneness in His names and attributes)

رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فَاعْبُدْهُ وَاصْطَبِرْ لِعِبَادَتِهِ^ج
هَلْ تَعْلَمُ لَهُ سَمِيًّا

LORD OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND
WHATEVER IS BETWEEN THEM
SO WORSHIP HIM AND HAVE PATIENCE FOR HIS
WORSHIP

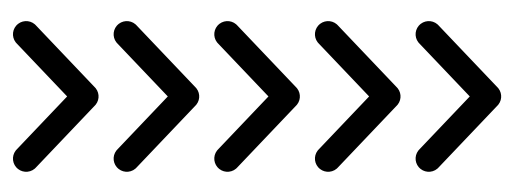
DO YOU KNOW OF ANY SIMILARITY TO HIM?

— Surat Maryam: 65

Proof of tawheed
ar-Ruboobiyyah

Proof of tawheed
al-Asmaa Wa Sifaat

Proof of tawheed
al-Uloohiyyah



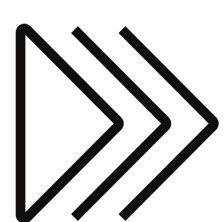
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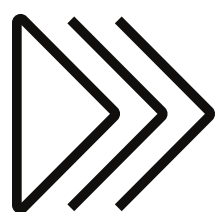
Tawheed ar-Ruboobiyyah

This is to single out Allah by His actions. Affirming that Allah alone is the Creator, He alone is the provider, He alone is the sustainer, He alone is the governor and He alone is the legislator. He alone owns everything and is the one to give life and cause death. This belief is the affirmation of the Oneness of His Lordship.



A lot of people believe in this, but they commit Shirk in the other categories of Tawheed that's why they are Kuffar. For example, the Kuffar of Makkah during the Prophet's time.

وَلَّيْن سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولَنَّ اللَّهُ قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ



AND IF YOU (O MUHAMMAD) ASK THEM: "WHO HAS CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH," THEY WILL CERTAINLY SAY: "ALLAH." SAY: "ALL THE PRAISES AND THANKS BE TO ALLAH!" BUT MOST OF THEM KNOW NOT.

— Surat Luqman: 25

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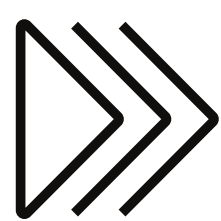
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— Surat az-Zumar: 3



Tawheed al-Uloohiyyah

This is to single out Allah with the actions of the servant i.e., in their worship.



وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

WE DID NOT SEND ANY MESSENGER BEFORE YOU O MUHAMMAD, UNTIL WE INSPIRED TO HIM, “THERE IS NO GOD BUT ME [ALLAH], SO WORSHIP ME [ALLAH] AND WORSHIP ME ALONE [WITH ISLAMIC MONOTHEISM].

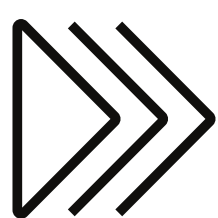
— Surat al-Anbiya:
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وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ

INDEED, WE SENT TO EVERY NATION A MESSENGER TO CONVEY ALLAH’S MESSAGE, COMMAND THEM TO WORSHIP ALLAH AND ALLAH ALONE [ISLAMIC MONOTHEISM] AND AVOID FALSE DEITIES AND EVERY JUGGERNAUT

— Surat an-Nahl: 36



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— Surat az-Zumar: 3

Majority of the people commit Shirk in this category, and this can occur through different ways such as devoting physical acts of worship to other than Allah, giving legislative authority to other than Allah or even saying statements that are exclusively for Allah.

Ibaadah

Ibaadah is a comprehensive noun for everything Allah loves and is pleased with, from speeches and actions that are either hidden or apparent (inward and outward) from the belief of the heart, actions of the limbs and statements of the tongue.

إِنْ تَكْفُرُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ عَنْكُمْ وَلَا يَرْضَىٰ لِعِبَادِهِ الْكُفْرَ ۚ وَإِنْ تَشْكُرُوا يَرْضَهُ لَكُمْ

IF YOU DISBELIEVE - INDEED, ALLAH IS FREE FROM NEED OF YOU. AND HE DOES NOT APPROVE FOR HIS SERVANTS DISBELIEF. AND IF YOU ARE GRATEFUL HE APPROVES IT FROM YOU...

— Surat az-Zumar: 7

For example, being grateful must be accompanied with all three components of faith that are required in Ibaadah

Gratitude in the heart: believe that this blessings is from Allah. This increases the love in your heart for Allah.

Gratitude on the tongue: praise Allah and thank Allah for the blessings He has given you by your tongue. It is also telling people of which Allah has blessed you with out of appreciation, but not in a boastful manner.

Gratitude upon the limbs: using the blessings that Allah has bestowed upon us to show our gratitude to Allah e.g., Allah blessed you with health, use that health to pray extra, fast, etc.,

EXAMPLE

Tawheed al-Asmaa Wa Sifaat

This is to single out Allah in His names and attributes. We do not describe Allah or name Allah except by which Allah has named Himself or described Himself or what the Messenger of Allah described Allah with.

We understand the names of Allah **without** doing the following:



takyeef: Imagining how the names and attributes are using your imagination. Allah is not limited to our imagination.



tamtheel: this is similar to takyeef, it is to make similitude and comparison to Allah with His creation. Comparing Allah to what you know.

For example, Allah's hand cannot be compared to the hand of His creation - be it human, animal or anything else. Our comprehension and knowledge is very limited.



tahreef: distorting the names and attributes of Allah from the actual meaning in the Arabic language.

For example, if Allah speaks about His hand, do not distort its meaning by saying it actually means power.



ta'teel: Negating the names and attributes of Allah. Shaytaan afflicts the heart during these stages. Some do this completely like the Jahmiyyah, and others do it partially like the Asha'irah

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ ۖ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE UNTO HIM, AND HE IS THE HEARING, THE SEEING.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى وَالتُّقَى
وَالْعِفَافَ وَالْغِنَى

O Allah, benefit me with what
You have taught me, and teach
me that which benefits me, and
increase me in knowledge.

(MUSLIM)

