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Introduction



In The Name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

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[آل عمران : 85] ❁ K J I

"And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers"

[Al-Imran 3:85]



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1- I Believe In Allah

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*** I believe in Allah (عز وجل) alone with no partner, there is no God but Him. He begets not, nor was he begotten, there is nothing like unto Him.**

*** The Creator and Owner of the heavens and the earth. The All-Knower of the unseen and the seen, the Ever Living One Who dies not. The One Who sustains and protects all that exist, neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him.**

*** The Most Beautiful Names and the Most Sublime Attributes belong to Him, ninety-nine Names. Whosoever believes in them, acts accordingly and calls upon Allah by them, will enter Paradise.**



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* Among which are the Attributes of Oneness. He (عز وجل) is *Al-Waahed*, *Al-Ahad*; the One, *Al-Fard*; the Unique, *us-Samad* (i.e. The Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, He neither eats nor drinks), and *Maalik Al-Mulk*; the Possessor of the kingdom.

* There are also the Attributes of Majesty. He (عز وجل) is *Al-Haqeem*; the All-Wise, *Al-Khabeer*; the Well-Acquainted with all things, *Ar-Rasheed*; the Right-Minded, *Al-Haqq*; The Truth (The True, The One Who truly exists), *Al-Awwal*; the First (nothing is before Him), *Al-Aakhir*; the Last (nothing is after Him), *Az-Zaahir*; the Most High (nothing is above Him), *Al-Qareeb*; the Most Near (nothing is nearer than Him), *Al-Waarith*; the Inheritor, *Al-Baaqi*; the Ever Enduring and Immutable (the One Who abides forever, the Everlasting), *Al-Ghaniyy*;



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the Rich (Independent), *Al-Quddoos*; the Holy, *Ash-Shaheed*; the Witness, *Al-Qareeb*; the Near, *Al-Hakam*; the Judge (the Arbitrator),; *Al-'Adl*; the Just, and the Light (*Noor*) of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of Majesty and Honor.

* Allah (عز وجل) posses the Attributes of Glory. He (عز وجل) is the *Al-'Aziz*; All-Mighty, *Al-Jaleel*; the Majestic, *Al-'Azeem*; the Most Great, *Al-Majeed*; the Glorious, *Al-Jabbar*; the Compeller, *Al-Qawi*; the All-Strong (the Forceful One), *Al-Mateen*; the Irresistible, *Al-Qaher*; the All-Able (the Capable), *Al-Qaader*; the All-Powerful (the Dominant), *Al-Muqtader*; the Creator of all Power, *An-Naseer*; the Helper, *Al-'Aliy* and *Al-A'la*; the Most High; the Highest.

* Allah (عز وجل) possesses the Attributes of Power. He (عز وجل) is *Al-'Aleem*; the All-Knower, *Al-Samee'*; the All-Hearer, *Al-*



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Baseer; All-Seer, *Al-Hay*; the Ever Living, *Al-Qaabid*; The Constricter (The Retainer, The Withholder, The One who constricts the sustenance by His Wisdom and expands and widens it with His Generosity and Mercy), *Al-Baasit*; The Expander (The One who expands and widens His favour with His Generosity and Mercy), *Al-Khaafid*; The Abaser (The One who lowers whoever He willed by His Destruction), *Ar-Raafi'*; The Exalter (The Elevator; The One who raises whoever He willed by His Endowment), *Al-Mu'iz*; The Honorer (He gives esteem to whoever He willed, hence there is no one to degrade Him); *Al-Muthil*; The Dishonorer (The Humiliator; He degrades whoever He willed, hence there is no one to give Him esteem), *Al-Mu'tiy*; The Bestower, *AL-Maani'*; The Preventer; The Withholder, *An-Nafi'*; The Propitious (The One who makes benefit reach to whoever He willed), *Ad-Daarr*; The Distresser (The One who makes


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harm reach to whoever He willed), *Al-Muhyi*; The Restorer; The Giver of Life (The One who took out a living human from semen that does not have a soul. He gives life by giving the souls back to the worn out bodies on the resurrection day and He makes the hearts alive by the light of knowledge), *Al-Mumeet*; The Creator of Death (The One who renders the living dead), *Al-Muqaddim*; The Expediter (The Promoter, The One who puts things in their right places. He makes ahead what He wills), and *Al-Mu'akh-khir*; The Delayer (the Retarder, The One who puts things in their right places. He delays what He wills).

* Allah (عز وجل) possesses the Attributes of Creation. He (عز وجل) is *Al-Khaaleq*; the Creator, *Al-Baari'*; The Evolver (The Maker, The Creator who has the Power to turn the entities), *Al-Musawwir*; The Fashioner; The Bestower of forms (The One



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who forms His creatures in different pictures), *Al-Waajid*; The Perceiver (The Finder, The Rich who is never poor), *Al-Mubdi'*; the Originator, *Al-Mu'eed*; The Reproducer (The Restorer, The One who brings back the creatures after death), *Al-Baa'ith*; The Resurrector (The Raiser (from death); The One who resurrects His slaves after death for reward and/or punishment), *Al-Jami'*; the Gatherer, *Al-Wahhab*; The Bestower (The One who is Generous in giving plenty without any return), *Al-Fattaah*; The Opener (The Reliever, The Judge, The One Who opens for His slaves the closed worldly and religious matters), *Ar-Razzaaq*; The Sustainer; The Provider, *Al-Mughni*; The Enricher (The One Who satisfies the necessities of the creatures), *Al-Muhsi*; The Accounter; The Appraiser, *Al-Muhaimen*; the Watcher over His creatures, *Al-Hafez*; The Preserver, The Protector (The One who protects whatever and whoever He



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willed to protect), *Ar-Rakeeb*; The Ever and All-Watcher, and *Badee'*; The Originator of the heavens and the earth.

* Allah possesses the Attributes of Mercy. He (عزوجل) is *Al-Rahman*; The Most Beneficent, *Al-Raheem*; The Most Merciful, *Al-Hannan*; The Pitiful, *Al-Mannan*; The Benefactor (The Giver of all good), *Al-Wadood*; The Loving (The Kind One), *Al-Barr*; The Most Subtle; Courteous; and Generous, *Al-Ghaffar*; The Oft-Forgiving, *Al-'Afouw*; The Pardoner, *At-Tawwab*; The One Who Forgives, *As-Salaam*; The One Free from all defects, *Al-Mu'men*; the Giver of security, *Ar-Ra'oof*; The Compassionate (The One Who is full of kindness), *Ash-Shakoor*; The Most Grateful; The Rewarder of thankfulness, *Al-Kareem*; The Generous (Who rewards a lot for a little obedience), *Al-Mun'em*; The Bestower, *Al-Jawwaad*; The Most Generous, *Al-Mu'een*; The Supporter,



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Al-Mujeeb; The Responsive (The Hearer, The One Who answers the one in need if he asks Him and rescues the yearner if he calls upon Him), ***Al-Waase'***; The One Who comprehend in His Knowledge all things, ***As-Saboor***; The Patient (The One Who does not quickly punish the sinners), ***Al-Haady***; The Guide (The One whom with His Guidance His believers were guided, and with His Guidance the living beings have been guided to what is beneficial for them and protected from what is harmful to them), ***Al-Haleem***; The Forbearing (The Clement, The One who delays the punishment for those who deserve it and then He might forgive them), ***Al-Lateef***; The Gracious (The Subtle One; The One who is kind to His slaves and endows upon them), ***Al-Wakeel***; The Trustee, The One Who gives the satisfaction and is relied upon), ***Al-Mugheeth***; The Reliever (The One Whose Help is sought; Who sends down the rain), ***Al-Musta'aan***; The Helper (The One

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Whose Help is sought), and *Qabel Al-Tawb*;
The One Who accepts repentance.

* Allah bestowed uncountable blessings upon human. Whatever blessings and good things the worshipper has is from Allah alone. It is He (عز وجل) Who created him and gave him life. He (عز وجل) gave him hearing and sight, and honored him, then sustained him and did good to him.

* Therefore, the Muslim must worship Allah alone by submitting to His orders and leaving what is forbidden; for Allah is the only God worthy to be worshipped.

* Allah (عز وجل) knows all about his worshippers; every detail, nothing escapes Him, whether they are obedient or disobedient. So, the worshipper must fill his heart with fear and awe from Allah, glorify



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Him, love Him and to be ashamed from disobeying Him, and thus abstain from doing sins and evil deeds, as Allah sees him and knows what he is doing.

* The worshipper must do his good deeds that make him close to please His God; the Creator, secretly. In this way, he attains the level of *Al-Ihsân*⁽¹⁾, because *iman* (i.e. Faith; Belief) increases by obedience and good deeds, and decreases by disobedience and committing sins.

* Thus, he must not follow his desires, whims or any *bid'a* (i.e. innovated matters in religion); rather he must obey Allah alone, and submit to the orders of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم).

(1) *Al-Ihsân* means to be patient in performing your duties to Allâh, totally for Allâh's sake and in accordance with the *Sunnah* (i.e. legal ways) of the Prophet in a perfect manner.

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He must not seek the enjoyment of this world or any reward from people, by his obedience, but he must seek the reward of Allah only.

* **Allah is merciful to man more than the mother is to her own child. His Mercy embraces all things, so the worshipper must ask and invoke Him for his worldly or the otherworldly demands. He must not ask anyone but Him (عز وجل).**

* **So, the most proper way is to act good deeds in secret. Nobody should know about them except Allah. Thus, he will never seek any benefit except from Allah in the Last Day.**

* **Invoking other than Allah is in vain. He (عز وجل) is the Powerful, the All-Hearer of the secrets. Our predestinations (whether good or bad) are with Him Only. No one can respond to our invocation but Him alone.**

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*** Therefore, it is forbidden to call on a grave or ask the dead, whoever he is; for they can neither hear nor benefit. Allah is the Only One Who can benefit or harm.**

Thus, the worshipper must not build mosques on the graves, for the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) forbade us from doing so.

*** The worshipper must realize his weakness compared to the power of Allah, his poverty to the richness of Allah, his ignorance to the knowledge of Allah, his humility to the glory of Allah.**

*** The worshipper must know that the honor, power and glory belong to Allah, to His Messenger; Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and to the believers.**



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* So, Muslim must be one of those believers who put their trust in Allah alone; believing that no one can respond to their demands but Him, seek help in Him alone, seek refuge with Him, and seek His Protection alone. The believer fears Allah only, hopes the reward of Him only, calls upon Him only, slaughters and vows for Him only, and swears by Him only. The believer neither wears the charms and talismans, nor believes in or goes to foretellers, astrologers or sorcerers.

* Muslim does not consider anything as an evil omen. He also minds the slips of his tongue lest he might slip into Hellfire. The true believer never says, "What Allah wills and so-and-so wills; if it were not for Allah and you; or I place my trust in Allah and in you", rather he says, "I place my trust in Allah only; what Allah wills then what so-and-so wills".



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*** As we must believe in Allah, we must also disbelieve in the *Tâghût* (i.e. anything worshipped other than the True God (Allah)).**

*** The head of the *Tâghûts* are: the Satan, and whoever is worshipped other than Allah and he is pleased by that, like saints, graves, rulers, and leaders.**

*** And the one who legislates and promulgate laws that make what Allah made lawful as unlawful or makes what Allah made unlawful as lawful.**

*** And whoever incites to that or orders people to follow or judge according to it. In doing so, he has transgressed and exceeded the limits set for created humans – that is to be obedient to Allah alone; the Creator.**



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*** For Allah has created mankind and He is the only One Who knows what fit them. Therefore, no one has the authority to legislate or issue rules for humans but Allah.**



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2- I believe in the Angels

* I believe in the Angels that were created by Allah from light. He (عز وجل) made them with wings; two, three or four wings. They are created in such way that they do not eat, drink, sleep or get married. Allah (عز وجل) appointed them for certain missions and they accomplish them perfectly.

* The Angels persist in obedience without slacken. They do not commit sins, and they fear their Lord the most. From among them, those who are in a state of prostration since Allah created the heavens and the earth till the Day of Resurrection. When one of them raises his head, he says, "Glory be to you, we have not worshipped you as you really worth."



* They are only worshippers, neither daughters of Allah nor supporters to Him. They intercede on behalf of the believers, with Allah's Permission, on the Day of Resurrection.

Among them are:-

* **The Keepers** who keep worshippers away from harm.

* **The Honored Scribes** who write down the deeds of the worshippers; good and bad deeds.

* **Those who glorify Allah** day and night and never slacken to do so till the Day of Resurrection.

* **The Travelers** who attend the assemblies remembering Allah much,



reciting the Qur'an and teaching the religion and knowledge.

* **The Carriers of the Divine Throne.**

Their number is eight. Allah created them with great and huge features; the bird may fly from the ear of one of them to his neck in seventy-thousands years.

* **The Angel of Death** who seizes the souls of human beings upon the command of Allah. He has supporters.

* **The Angel Israafeel** who is appointed to blow the Trumpet, consequently, all the creatures die before the Day of Resurrection. Then he blows again and they are alive again.

* **The Angel Mikaa'eel** who is appointed in charge of the rain.



* The Angel Ridwan, the Keeper of Paradise. He has supporters in service of the believers in Paradise.

* The Angel Malik, the Keeper of Hell. He has supporters, and nineteen chiefs. They hold iron funnels to torture the disbelievers in Hell. May Allah preserve us and keep us away from Hellfire.

* The leader of the Angels is Jibril (Gabriel) who is entrusted to bring down the Revelation to the Messengers and Prophets.

* Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) saw him in his true form; huge, covering the horizon. He had six hundred wings. He uprooted and lifted up the village of Lut (Lot) with one wing, till it reaches the horizon and then turned them upside down.



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* **There are many other angels, but no one knows the hosts (soldiers) of your Lord but He** ﴿ وَمَا يَعْلَمُ جُنُودَ رَبِّكَ إِلَّا ۥ ۥ ﴾ [المدثر:31] .

* **The Angels love the believers whom Allah loves. They invoke Allah in their favor, asking mercy and forgiveness for them.**

* **The Angels with such power fight with True Muslims.**



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3- I believe in the Scriptures of Allah

I believe in the Scriptures that have been sent down by Allah to His messengers, and that they are, as originally revealed, the words of Allah that have been revealed to them in order to inform people about the laws of Allah and the religion. The greatest Scriptures are:

- The Noble Qur'an that has been revealed upon our Messenger Muhammad

(صلى الله عليه وسلم).

- The *Injeel* (Bible) that has been revealed upon 'Îsâ (Jesus) (عليه السلام).

- The Taurât (Torah) that has been revealed upon Mûsâ (Moses) (عليه السلام).

- Az-Zabûr that has been revealed upon Dâwûd (David) (عليه السلام).

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- The Pages (Scriptures) that has been revealed upon Ibrâhîm (Abraham) (عليه السلام).

- But there are some Scriptures have been altered before revealing the Qur'an.

* The Noble Qur'an is the most dominant among all these Scriptures. It is the criterion upon all their legislations and laws. The Qur'an abrogates all that are contradictory with its Laws since it has been revealed.

* On the Day of Resurrection, Allah will not accept but the worship according to the Qur'an. He (عز وجل) will not accept the deeds performed according to the previous Scriptures after the Qur'an has been revealed upon Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم).



*** The Qur'an is the miraculous Holy Words of Allah; falsehood cannot come to it from before it or behind it. It is the most pure truth. It is the decisive criterion when judging, as well as the truth when speaking. Whoever acts accordingly, he will be guided to the right path.**

*** Whoever holds fast to it, he will succeed and be saved. While whosoever turns away from it, he will be tortured.**

*** People of the Qur'an are the people of Allah. The best ones are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it. Because the Qur'an comes in the Hereafter and intercedes in favor of those who read and memorized it and act according to it. The Qur'an asks Allah to admit them into Paradise.**

*** The Qur'an purifies human hearts**



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from all that which defile them, like suspicions and lusts. It draws hearts nearer to Allah (عز وجل), and urges them (hearts) to work hard in order to win the everlasting delights in the Paradise.

* The etiquettes of reciting and reading the Qur'an are:

- Purity;

- Performing *Al-Wudu'* (i.e. Ablution; the prescribed washing of various body parts mentioned in Qur'an). It is also required before performing prayers.

- Facing the *Qiblah* (i.e. direction faced in Prayer towards the Holy *Ka'bah* in Makkah);

- Sitting calm and in dignity;

- Not to hurry in reciting it;

- To be humble and submissive;



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- To express sadness and regret on one's sins and negligence;

- To weep of awe and fear from Allah and from the Majesty of His Words;

- Improving the tune when reciting;

- Not to raise the voice lest it might distract those who pray near him;

- Pondering the verses when reading it;

- Feeling with your heart the words you read;

- And thinking deeply about the signs of Allah in the universe.

*** To realize certainly that applying the Laws of the Qur'an is one of the greatest causes of strength on earth and victory upon enemies.**

*** So, dear brother, hurry in your**



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responding to God, hold fast the Qur'an, and be keen on racing others in hastening towards Allah. As Allah is pleased with your repentance and returning to Him more than the pleasure of a kinsfolk for the return of a relative who was absent for a long while.



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4- I believe in the Messengers of Allah

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Who chose them from among the humans, revealed His Laws upon them and commanded them to inform people about these Laws. Whoever believes in and obey the messengers, will enter Paradise. However, whoever disobeys them, will enter the Hellfire.

*** Allah (عز وجل) supported His messengers with miracles that prove their truthfulness, to be used against those who belied them.**

*** The first of the messengers is Nûh (Noah) (عليه السلام) ﷺ and the final is Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) .**



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* They are humans that eat, drink, marry, feel ill, and die. They are the best of all creatures and they are infallible.

* There are many messengers. Allah mentioned some of them in the Qur'an, like Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), Ibrahim (Abraham); khalil (intimate friend) of Allah, Mûsâ (Moses) to whom Allah spoke directly, 'Îsâ (Jesus); the Word of Allah and Nûh (Noah). Those five are the messengers of the strongest and inflexible will and purpose. There are also other messengers as Ismâ'îl (Ishmael), Ishâq (Isaac), Ya'qûb (Jacob), Hârûn (Aaron), Ayyûb (Job), Yûnus (Jonah), Sulaimân (Solomon), Dâwûd (David), Yahya (John), Zakariyâ (Zachariya), Hûd, Sâlih, Yûsuf (Joseph), Shu'aib, Iliyâs (Elias), Lût (Lot), Dhul-Kifl (Isaiah), Idrîs (Enoch), and many others that have been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an and others that have not.



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* The first thing the messengers called to is tawheed (Oneness of Allah; Monotheism), and the greatest thing that has been forbidden is shirk (associating partners in worship with Allah; polytheism). They all came with Islam and the call to the Oneness of Allah, but their Laws and ways of worshipping Allah (عز وجل) differed, because of the difference in time and places.

* They gave glad tidings of the coming of Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and they ordered their followers to believe in him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) when he comes.

* The difference between a messenger and a prophet is that, in case of the messenger, Al-Shari'a (Laws and Legislations of Allah) was revealed to him, and he was ordered to inform people about



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such Legislations. While the prophet follows the Shari'a of the messengers who came before him.

* I believe that the best of messengers for Allah is Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) from the offspring of Ishmael, son of Abraham. Allah sent him to the whole mankind. His prophethood was the final and his message was the seal of all messages from Allah.

* Allah supported him with miracles and preferred him upon all his messengers. He favored his message upon all the messages; his Laws upon all Laws; his Book (the Qur'an) upon all Books and his Muslim nation upon all other nations.

* Allah granted him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) what He has not done with any other prophet before. From among His grants are:

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1- Al-Wasilah: the highest rank in Paradise that has been prepared to Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم) .

2- Al-Kauthar: a river in Paradise that runs under the Throne of Allah.

3- Al-Hawd: i.e. the Fountain; a watering-place. Only good Muslims will drink from it on the Day of Resurrection. They will never feel thirsty after that, when all people will be thirsty and their sweat will reach their knees, their waists or their shoulders – depending on their deeds. Only Muslims will drink from that Hawd with jugs lovely handed by the Prophet

(صلى الله عليه وسلم) with his noble hands, then they will never feel thirsty after that.

4- Intercession and the praised rank on the Day of Resurrection: He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) will intercede before Allah on behalf of the Muslims who committed sins, in order to

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take them out of Hell, till no one who said **Lâ ilâha illallâh** (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah) and **Muhammad** (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is the Messenger of Allah but to get out of Hell. Muslim sinners will not last forever in Hell and will get out of Hell after being purified from sins.

* He who believed in all the prophets but Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), then he will never get out of Hell.

5- Allah grants victory to him, his soldiers and his followers till the Day of Resurrection, by scaring the enemy from a distance that takes a month walking. It is a grace that has not been given to a prophet before.

6- The earth was made suitable for prayer as mosques; pure for him and the Muslims. It is also a grace that has not been given to a prophet before.

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7- Allah sent him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) to both mankind and jinn, while Allah (عز وجل) sent other prophets to their own people exclusively.

8- He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is the first to rise from the grave, the first intercessor, the first to knock the gate of Paradise and Angel Ridwan; the gatekeeper, will say, "Who are you?" The Prophet's reply will be, "Muhammad." He will say, "I have been ordered not to open to any one before you."

*** Among his miracles are:**

- The splitting of the moon;**
- His returning the eye of Qatadah to its place with his hand after it had been slipped out on the Battle of Uhud. It was sharper than the other eye;**
- His retrieving the leg of Ibn Al-Hakam when it was broken on the Battle of Badr;**



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- His saying to the tree to witness that *la ilah illa Allah wa anna Muhammad rasul Allah* (i.e. there is no god worthy to be worshipped but Allah and Muhammad is His servant Messenger) and it witnessed three times before the Kuffar (i.e. disbeliever), and thereupon he embraced Islam;

- The Weeping of the date-palm trunk on which the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to deliver his sermons. When he left it, it did not stop moaning until the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) patted with his noble hands on it;

- The increase of food in his hands, to the extent that more than eighty men ate and became full from just a very small amount of food in the Prophet's hands;

- The increase of water on the Day of Hudaibiyah, when nothing left but a utensil containing a small amount of water. The



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Prophet dipped his hands in it, thereupon the water gushed out from his fingers like a fountain. About a thousand and five hundreds Muslims drank and performed ablution too;

- His night journey to Al-Aqsa mosque (Al-Israa) and his ascension to the high heavens (Al-Mi'raj) up to Sidrat-ul-Muntaha (i.e. the Divine Tree of the utmost boundary of Paradise, in the seventh heaven, where both Hell and Paradise can be seen);

- The Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) informed about the ancient nations and their Prophets, knowing that he was illiterate; neither reads nor writes. He foretold conquering Persia and Rome, and the rupture of Kisra's Kingdom who torn Muhammad's message sent to him. And so many other miracles.

- And the greatest miracle is the Noble Qur'an which is the eternal miracle till the Day of Resurrection.

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- Allah has transcended his fame and connected his name with the Name of Allah (عز وجل). He (عز وجل) made the testimony that la ilah illa Allah wa anna Muhammad rasul Allah (i.e. there is no god worthy to be worshipped but Allah and Muhammad is his servant Messenger) is the first thing by which the worshipper should embrace Islam, and the last thing on which he should die.

* So we should give priority to the Prophet's sayings. We should not neglect his orders to follow our thoughts and ideas, or our own whims and desires, for the one who obeys the Prophet, obeys Allah. We should gather upon his obedience; for the one who obeys the Messengers, then he obeys Allah ﴿النساء:80﴾ .

* We should not call him by his bare name; rather, we should call him the Messenger of Allah.



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*** We should imitate his morals and follow his example in all aspects of life: the way he slept, ate, walked, prayed, fasted, gave charity and the way he fought.**

*** We should love him the utmost; more than ourselves, our children, our parents, and the whole people.**

*** We should love those who love him and follow his guidance, and hate those who hate him and do not follow his steps.**

*** Muslim should love the believers, support, imitate and take care of them. They should help one another in Al-Birr and At-Taqwa (i.e. virtue, righteousness and piety) and take them as intimate friends.**

*** Muslims should detest the disbelievers and not to obey them, not to help them**



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against Muslims, not to support them or give them a hand in their false deeds, not to keep pace with their false belief, and not to share them in their festivals. Neither should Muslims oppress them; rather, they should treat them well and be just with them.

* We should love the wives of the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), who are the mothers of the believers. We should also love his Companions, as they are the best of all humans after the prophets.

* Also, we should revive his Sunnah (i.e. the Prophet's traditions), manifest his laws and convey Islamic Call to all mankind. Then we should endure any harm that will confront us in achieving this purpose.

* Do not make any harm that befalls you, turn you away from your religion, as



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the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) suffered and was harmed a lot when the number of his Companions was little. The Prophet's Companions were persecuted too.

It is Sunnat-ul-Allah (i.e. a decree of Allah) that all the prophets and their followers must suffer from the Kuffar (disbelievers), in their inevitable struggling, before reaching the Promised Paradise. By this way they become more purified and shinny, just like gold when exposed to fire.

*** Do not droop if they ascribed hallucination and retardation to you, or if they pretend that you have your brain washed. Indeed, you have a good example in the Messenger Muhammad who has been accused by being a poet and a mad man.**

*** Do not feel sad if they called you an extremist who went astray. This is the**

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disbelievers' custom towards the believers. Allah (عز وجل) said, what can be translated as: "And when they saw them, they said:

﴿وَإِذَا رَأَوْهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ لَضَالُّونَ﴾ [المطففين:32]

"Verily! These have indeed gone astray!" "[83:32].

* There will be two extremes: one for the believers and the other for the disbelievers. Isn't it enough for you to be at the extreme where the Prophet Muhammad is ?!

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﴿q [الفرقان:27]

* Do not be troubled if they accused you of terrorism or being an evil person. This is

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what they usually say about the believers in this life and in the Hereafter. When the Angels will drive them on their faces to Hell while they are looking to it, they will say:

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"What is the matter with us that we see not men whom we used to count among the bad ones?" [38:62].

* Here the believers, whom they were previously called bad ones, will call out to them from the high degrees of Paradise saying:

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"We have indeed found true what our Lord had promised us." [7:44]



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5- I believe in the Hereafter

* It is the day when the world (the place of acting; good or bad) ends, and the Hereafter (the place of recompense) begins. The *Muttaqoon* (i.e. the pious people) will be rewarded by entering the Paradise, while the *Fujjar* (i.e. the criminals, disbelievers, wicked, etc.) will be punished by entering the Hellfire.

* The balance is set and the Records of deeds are given. As for him who will be given his Record in his right hand, he will be with the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) in Paradise, but whosoever is given his Record in his left hand, he will be with Fir'aun (Pharaoh) – curse be upon him – in the Hellfire.

* The *Sirat* (a thin bridge on the Hell) is



set. Whoever crosses it will reach the Paradise, and whoever is snatched by the hooks, due to his evil deeds, will fall in the Hellfire.

* The Day of Resurrection has minor and major signs.

* Among the minor signs are: the disappearance of honesty, spread of murder, evil people will govern oppressively, and the fools will talk in serious matters.

* Among the Major Signs are: the coming of *Al-Mahdi*, the establishment of a righteous Caliphate rule according to prophethood methodology before the Hour, and the appearance of *Al-Dajjal* (Anti-Christ).

* The coming of Jesus (عليه السلام) as a



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Muslim to lead Muslims; fight the disbelievers; break the Cross; kill the swine (pigs), and the only accepted religion will be Islam.

*** There will be no place where Islam will enter not it, willingly or unwillingly.**

*** Islam will take the upper hand in the whole universe by those honoured people who carried Islam in their hearts and on their shoulders, struggling in the Cause of Allah, until they gain victory over the disbelievers.**

*** And the appearance of Ya'juj and Ma'juj (Gog and Magog), the appearance of the *Daabbah* (an animal looks like a camel and speaks to people, telling who is a real believer and who is not), the sun rises from the west, raising the Qur'an, etc.**



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*** Whosoever does any good or evil act equal to the weight of an atom, shall see it recorded in his book.**

*** So be keen in doing good deeds and acts of obedience before time runs out and you pass away in a fixed time that no one knows but Allah. There will be no chance to go back and regret or manage anything.**

*** Hereupon, the Muslim will be washed, enshrouded, the funeral prayer will be performed upon him, and he will be buried. Then the two questioning Angels; Munkar and Nakir, will sit him and ask: "Who is your God? What is your religion? Who is your Prophet?"**

*** If his answers are: "My God is Allah, Islam is my religion, and Muhammad is my Prophet and Messenger" - may Allah assist**



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him in saying so -, a hole leads to Paradise will be opened in his grave to show him his house, palaces and kingdom therein. He will be happy and his grave will be extended as much as he could see.

* However, if he is a disbeliever, he will not answer at all. At that time, the answer will not depend on intelligence.

* Indeed, Allah makes the believers hold fast; according to their good deeds in declaring that there is no other God but Allah, accomplishing all the enjoined duties, striving themselves in the Cause of Allah, being kind to their kinsfolk, enjoining

Al-Ma'rûf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do) and forbidding *Al-Munkar* (i.e. polytheism and disbelief and all that Islam has forbidden), giving charity and donations, reciting and reading the



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Qur'an, fasting the hottest days, and performing supererogatory prayers in the coldest long nights.

*** However, if he is a disbeliever, then his grave will be narrowed till his ribs interpenetrated in his body, and his grave will be turned into Hell according to his evil deeds.**

*** So, dear brother, do your best in doing good deeds before the Hour comes. This life is for act without reckoning, but then, in the Hereafter, act will have no place, only reckoning.**

*** On that day, only obedient Muslims enter Paradise, because Allah will not accept but Islam.**

*** There is bliss in Paradise that no eye**



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has ever seen, no ear has ever heard of and no heart has ever imagined. That bliss lasts forever and never ends and people of Paradise live forever and never die. The greatest bliss, moreover, is to look to the face of Allah.

* Those who disobeyed, spread mischief and corruption, and disbelievers will enter Hellfire, where they will find intolerable torture that Allah prepared for them.

* Therein, those who followed false deities will ask Allah to double the torture for false leaders who misled them. Allah will double the torture for all of them; those false leaders who mislead and those who were misled, to be tortured forever.

* So, dear brother, steadfast to the Truth and do not be deceived by the



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plentifullness of those who disobey Allah. If you follow most of the people on earth, they will mislead you from the right path of Allah. But follow Prophet Muhammad, with those who seek the path to Allah.

*** There shall remain a single group from Muhammad's community upon the Truth until the Final Hour, victorious, unharmed by those who abandon them or oppose them.**

*** Be with people with your body, mingling and socializing in a lawful way according to what Allah permits.**

*** But your heart should not be attached to such worldly matters. It should be there, under Allah's Throne, filled with love and owe for Allah.**



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*** There, prostrate with your heart and never rise up till the Day of Judgement.**

*** So, leave those disobedient people to the day that when it comes, they will bite their fingers out of regret, saying, "If only we had followed the right path of Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)."**

6- Belief in the Divine Decree (*Qadaa'*) and Pre-Destination (Qadar)

* **Belief in the Divine Decree (*Qadaa'*)**

and Pre-destination (Qadar) means believing that Allah (عز وجل) knows everything in the universe, including what happens and what will happen until the Day of Judgment, nothing escapes Him. It also means believing that Allah knew the acts of His servants, their provisions, ages, those who will be doomed to Hell, and those who will be admitted to Paradise, even before their creation.

* **Allah has recorded all these decrees in *Al-Lawh Al-Mahfooth* (i.e. the Preserved Tablet) fifty thousand years before creation**



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of the heavens and the earth. No senior angel or messenger has access to that Tablet.

* Once a woman conceives, Allah (عزوجل) commands the angels to write down the gender (male or female) of the fetus, its provision, deeds, age, destination (Paradise or Hell), and what he will face in this life (good and evil).

* On the Night of *Al-Qadr*, all Divine Decrees and predestined affairs concerning the year to come, including people's ages, provisions, etc., are sent down just as Allah (عزوجل) has recorded in *Al-Lawh Al-Mahfooth*. On that night, all affairs of the forthcoming year are determined exactly as they had been recorded in *Al-Lawh Al-Mahfooth*.

* Then, Divine Decrees are sent down every day in time to meet their owners, thus

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Allah honors some people and humiliates others.

*** We believe that the Will of Allah is decisive and absolutely dominant. Accordingly, what Allah must happen and what He does not will never happen. Allah is invincible. He (عزوجل) brings changes to hearts.**

He guides whomever He wishes by his Bounty and Mercy, and misleads whomever He wishes by His Justice and Wisdom; as He knows who deserves guidance or misguidance.

*** Allah (عزوجل) is never questioned about what He does, while people will be questioned.**

*** We believe that everything in the universe, even so tiny as the weight of an atom,**


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is created and absolutely controlled by Allah, in its movement as well as in its stillness.

*** We believe that Allah (عزوجل) created mankind and their acts. He endowed them with ability and will in order that they decide and choose their acts.**

*** We believe that Allah (عزوجل) commanded all mankind to obey Him, promising them the Paradise. He (عزوجل) forbade them from disobedience, warning them by Hell-Fire.**

And never did He (عزوجل) overload them. So, they were divided into two groups: believers and disbelievers, by their own choice, will and abilities created in them by Allah.

*** We believe that recompense depends on obedience the *Shar'* (i.e. Laws of God) and not on pre-destination. Whosoever does**



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good equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant), shall be rewarded, and whosoever does evil equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant), shall be punished.

*** All is well that ends well, and every servant is allowed to what he has been created for, whether happiness in Paradise or misery in Hell-Fire**

*** Worshipper should fear the consequences of evil ending. He should persevere in asking Allah, humbly, to guide him to the Straight Way. He should always implore for the help of God in performing many acts of obedience, and seek refuge with Allah from disobeying Him.**

Worshipper is helpless without the Power of Allah.

*** Believers accept the divine decree and pre-destination of Allah, whether good or**

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bad, in distress and in grace, being sure that nobody can benefit or harm but according to the decree of Allah.

*** The servant won't feel the sweetness of belief until he knows that whatever befalls him, would never mistaken, and whatever mistaken him, would never befalls him.**

*** In conclusion, I praise Allah and ask Him to admit me and all Muslims into Paradise, and keep me and all Muslims away from Hellfire. Amen.**

*** Peace and Prayers be upon Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), his household and his Companions.**

*** Let our final invocation be: Praise be to Allah; the Lord of the 'Alamin (i.e. all mankind, Jinn and all that exists).**



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