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An Introduction to the History of Shirk (Associating Others with Allah) And Tawheed (Monotheism)

Allaah The Almighty has created all of His worshipers as Muslims, testifying the Oneness of Allaah The Almighty; however, the devils came to them and changed their religion and corrupt their faith. Allaah The Almighty says in Al-Hadeeth Al-Qudsi: 'I have created all My slaves with the inclination to worship Me alone, but the devils come to them and turn them away from their religion. They forbid to them that which I have permitted to them, and they tell them to associate others with Me, for which I have not sent down any authority.'¹

So whenever people commit any form of Shirk, Allaah The Almighty sends His Prophets, peace be upon them, with the suitable forms of Tawheed.

Some of them have disbelieved in the Lord, the Creator such as Thamood and Fir'awn... so Allaah The Almighty sent the Prophets, peace be upon them, to inform them about their Lord and their Creator as Moosa (Moses), peace be upon him, said to Fir'awn (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf):

“And let me guide you to your Lord so you would fear [Him]?”
(An-Naazi'aat 19)

Some of them disbelieved in the matter of the Names and Attributes of Allaah The Almighty such as the Jews and the Christians who said: “Allaah is the third of three” And that “ He has a wife and a child.” Exalted is He and High above what they say by great sublimity. Allaah The Almighty says:

{Say, “He is Allah , [who is] One, Allah , the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, Nor is there to Him any equivalent.}

¹ Reported by Muslim (5019).

[Al-Ikhlaas 1-4]

Although most of them know that Allaah The Almighty is the Lord and know some of His Names and Attributes, they committed Shirk by associating others in worshiping Allaah The Almighty and taking them as their gods as Allaah The Almighty says:

{And most of them believe not in Allah except while they associate others with Him.} [Yoosuf 106]

Therefore, Allaah The Almighty sent all the Prophets, peace be upon them, and the last of them, Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, to call and invite them to worship Allaah The Almighty alone and renouncing worshiping others than Him and taking Him as their One worshiped God Who has no partner. Allaah The Almighty says:

{And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], "Worship Allah and avoid Taghut (all false deities, etc. i.e. do not worship Taghut besides Allah).} [An-Nahl 36]

As our time has a lot of Fitān (Tribulations and trials), the three different categories of Shirk have occurred; rather, the Satanism also has appeared 'Sufficient for us is Allaah, and He is the best Disposer of affairs.' Ignorance has become widespread and all the matters have changed. That is exactly what the infallible Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Tribulations will come like patches of dark night, when a man will wake up as a believer and by evening he will be a Kaafir (disbeliever), or in the evening he will be a believer and by morning he will be a Kaafir, selling his religion for some worldly gains."²

No one will be saved from them except by the sound knowledge

and good deeds as it is mentioned in the narration reported by Ibn Maajah: "There would be tribulations, when a man will wake up as a believer and by evening he will be a Kaafir (disbeliever), except the one whom Allaah The Almighty endowed with knowledge."

We ask Allaah The Almighty earnestly to protect us from the Fitana, what is apparent of them and what is concealed.

What do you think of Allaah The Almighty?

- Do you think that Allaah The Almighty has such beauty, majesty, greatness and glory?
- What do you think of the Lord Whose mercy encompasses all things?
- What do you think of the Lord Who shows love to His creation while He is self-sufficient and free from the need of them?
- What do you think of the Lord Whose Mercy precedes His wrath and His kindness precedes His punishment?
- What do you think of the Lord Who forgave a man who killed one hundred persons, accepted his repentance and let him into Paradise?
- What do you think of the Lord Who forgave a prostitute because she gave water to a dog?
- What do you think of the Lord Who forgave a man who removed a branch of tree away from the way of the people?
- What do you think of the Lord Who let a woman into Paradise because of a date which she gave to her daughter?
- What do you think of the Lord Who gives you for only one good deed ten good rewards and then up to seven hundred times?
- What do you think of the Lord Who feels happy with your repentance and laughs at your obedience, responds to your supplications and relieves you of your distress?
- What do you think of the Lord Who descends to the lowest heaven and calls you to forgive you, accepts your repentance, achieves your hopes and that is every night?
- What do you think of the Lord Who feels shy of His creation "yes, Allaah The Almighty feels shy of His creation"? What do you think of the Lord Who feels shy of His worshipers?

- What do you think of the Lord Who is the Most Beautiful, the Most Good, the Most Forbearing, the Most Kind, the Ever Pardoning, the Most Generous, Most Forgiving, Most Merciful... (The Almighty, Exalted and Glorified be His Majesty).

The most beautiful thing in this life is to know Allaah The Almighty with His Names and Attributes. Allaah The Almighty says:

{And to Allah belong the best names, so invoke Him by them. And leave [the company of] those who practice deviation concerning His names. They will be recompensed for what they have been doing.} [Al-A'raaf 180]

Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: I wonder at the one who knew Allaah The Almighty well and did not love Him. I wonder at the one who knew how profitable transaction is with Him and did not worship Him. I wonder at the one who knew what a loss he will experience in turning away from Him and disobeys Him.

The best method of entering the Paradise is to preserve His Names, believe in them and act upon them. It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah The Exalted has ninety-nine Names, one hundred less one; whoever then preserves them, will enter Paradise."³

The best thing with which Allaah The Almighty can be worshiped is to know His Names and Attributes.

Abul Qasim At-Tameemi, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: Some scholars said: The first obligatory action that Allaah The Almighty has prescribed on His creation is to know Him for if people know Him well, they will worship Him properly.⁴

Imam Al-Bukhaari, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "Knowledge before speech and action": Allaah The Almighty says:

{So know, [O Muáammad], that there is no deity except Allah and

3 Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him.

4 An-Nahj Al-Asma by An-Najdi.

ask forgiveness for your sin.} [Muhammad 19]

- The best Ayah (verse) in the Holy Quran speaks about the Names and Attributes of Allaah The Almighty:

It is the 'Ayah of Al-Kursi'. It is such the blessed Ayah that contains ten clauses all of them speak about the Beautiful Names and Sublimes Attributes of Allaah The Almighty.

It was narrated on the authority of Ubayy ibn Ka'b, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to him: Do you know which is the greatest Ayah you memorize in the Book of Allaah The Almighty? He said: I answered,

{Allaahu la ilaaha illa huwa alhayyu alqayyoomu (Allaah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence.)} [Al-Baqarah 255]

He then said: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, patted on my chest and said, "By Allaah, I congratulate you for having such knowledge and insight, O Abu Al-Munthir."⁵

Do you know Allaah The Almighty?

This is Allaah The Almighty

This is Allaah, The One who has no partners: Allaah The Almighty says:

{Say, "He is Allah , [who is] One, Allah , the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is born, Nor is there to Him any equivalent.} [Al-Ikhlaas: 1-4]

This is Allaah ...The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

You will find that He loves to make His worshipers know about His Mercy. Allaah The Almighty says:

{[O Muhammad], inform My servants that I am the one who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.} [Al-Hijr: 49]

And that His Mercy encompasses all things. Allaah The Almighty says:

{But My mercy encompasses all things.} [Al-A'raaf: 156]

Moreover, you find Him More Merciful than the mother to her child.

It was narrated that 'Umar ibn al-Khattaab, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: "There was a woman among the prisoners who was searching. When she found a child among the prisoners, she took him, embraced him and put him to her breast. The Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, said to us, 'Do you think that this woman would throw her child in the fire?' We said, 'No, by Allaah.' The Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Allaah is More Merciful to His slaves than this woman is to her child."⁶

Hammaad ibn Salamah said: "It does not please me that may matter, on the Day of Resurrection, will be referred to my son for surely my Lord is More Merciful to me than my son."

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Reported by Al-Bukhaari (5999) and Muslim (2754).

If the Kaafir [disbeliever] knew how great the Mercy Allaah is, he would have hope in His Paradise:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "If the Kaafir knew how great the Mercy Allaah is, he would not lose hope of Paradise."⁷

His Mercy makes the beasts, insects and other moving creatures merciful to each others.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah has one hundred parts of mercy, of which He sent down one between the jinn, mankind, the animals and the insects, by means of which they are compassionate and merciful to one another, and by means of which wild animals are kind to their offspring." And in another narration, the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "...so that even the mare lifts up its hoofs away from its baby animal, lest it should trample on it. And Allaah has kept back ninety-nine parts of mercy with which to be merciful to His slaves of the Day of Resurrection."⁸

He descends every night and calls upon His worshippers to bestow mercy upon them.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Our Lord The Almighty and The Exalted descends every night to the lowest heaven when one-third of the night remains and says: 'Who will call upon Me, that I may answer Him? Who will ask of Me, that I may give him? Who will seek My forgiveness, that I may forgive him?'"⁹

7 Reported by Muslim on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, (4/2755).

8 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (9469) and Muslim (2752-2753)

9 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (6321).

This is Allaah “The Good, The Almighty and The Exalted.”

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: “Allaah is good and only accepts that which is good.”¹⁰ This is Allaah...The Most-Forbearing, The Most Kind, The Almighty and The Exalted.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: “Allaah is Kind and He loves kindness and confers upon it (kindness) what he does not confer upon severity.”¹¹

Allaah The Almighty, The Exalted laughs... is there anything more beautiful than that?

We will never be prevented goodness from a Lord that laughs. It was narrated that Abu Razeen, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: “O Messenger of Allaah! Does The Lord, The Almighty and The Exalted, laugh?” He, peace and blessings be upon him, replied in the affirmative. Upon that Abu Razeen said: “Then we will never be prevented goodness from a Lord that laughs.”¹² Congratulation for the one whom Allaah The Almighty smiles upon.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: “And when your Lord smiles upon a slave in this world, he (that slave) will not be brought to account.”¹³

O our Lord! Include us among them, O The Most Merciful of the merciful.

Whomever Allaah The Almighty smiles upon, He will let him into the Paradise.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said about the last one of the people of Hellfire who will enter Paradise: “...He will say, ‘O my Lord! Do not make me the most

10 Reported by Muslim.

11 Reported by Muslim (2593).

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13 Reported by Ahmad (15598), Ibn Maajah in his Sunan (177):The report that Al-Jahmiyyah sect denied.

miserable of Your creation,' and he will keep on invoking Allaah till Allaah will laugh because of his sayings, and when Allaah will laugh because of him, He will say to him, 'Enter Paradise,' and when he will enter it, Allaah will say to him, 'Wish for anything.' So he will ask his Lord, and he will wish for a great number of things, for Allah Himself will remind him to wish for certain things by saying, '(Wish for) so-and-so.'¹⁴

14 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (6885) and Muslim (267) on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him.

This is Allaah, Al-Wadood (the Ever-Affectionate), The Almighty, The Exalted.

Imam Al-Bukhaari, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: Al-Wadood means the Ever-Affectionate.

So you find Him precedes His creation in loving. Allaah The Almighty Says:

{O you who have believed, whoever of you should revert from his religion - Allaah will bring forth [in place of them] a people He will love and who will love Him.} [Al-Maa'idah 54]

So He The Exalted mentioned first His love to His devoted worshippers before mentioning their love to Him The Almighty.

Furthermore, He The Exalted loves to meet those who love Him:

It is narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever loves to meet Allaah, Allaah loves to meet him, and whoever hates to meet Allaah, Allaah hates to meet him."¹⁵

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Allaah The Almighty says:

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It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah The Almighty spreads out His hand at night to accept the repentance of the one who sinned during the day, and He spreads out His hand by day to accept the repentance of the one who sinned during the night, (and that will continue) until the sun rises from the west."¹⁹

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He The Exalted conceals in the worldly life and forgives in the Hereafter

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This is Allaah, The Modest, The Most Generous (the Most Generous to whom one may ask something)

Allaah The Almighty is The Most Merciful Who can be asked and the Most Generous Who can give. It was narrated on the authority of Salmaan, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Your Lord The Almighty and the Exalted is characterized by modesty and concealment, so if a slave of His raises his hands (in supplication), He does not return them to him empty."²⁹

This is Allaah The Almighty: He loves modesty and concealment.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah is characterized by modesty and concealment, and He loves modesty and concealment. So when one of you washes himself, let him conceal himself."³⁰

Congratulation to the one whom Allaah The Almighty has concealed:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah does not conceal a person in this world but Allaah will conceal him on the Day of Resurrection."³¹

He conceals whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever conceals (the faults of) a Muslim, Allaah will conceal him (his faults) on the Day of Resurrection."³²

29 Reported by Abu Daawood (2/1488), At-Tirmithi (5/3556) and Ibn Hibbaan deemed it Saheeh (authentic) (2400), Al-Haakim (1/497) and Al-Khateeb in his history (3/235-236) from the rout of Ja'far ibn Abi 'Uthmaan An-Nahdi from Salmaan as a Marfoo' (Traceable) Hadeeth.

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31 Reported by Muslim in the chapter of *Al-Birr* and *As-Silah* (Maintaining the ties of Kinship) (4/2002).

.Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim 32

He punishes whoever discloses the faults of Muslims

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O you who have spoken the words of faith but faith has not entered your hearts! Do not backbite about the Muslims or seek out their faults, for whoever seeks out their faults, Allaah will seek out his faults even if he is in his house."³³

This is Allaah, The Most Appreciative and The Most Forbearing

So the rewards will be multiplied. Allaah The Almighty says:

{If you loan Allaah a goodly loan, He will multiply it for you and forgive you. And Allaah is Most Appreciative and Forbearing.}

[At-Taghaabun 17]

A good deed will be rewarded seven hundred fold and even multiplied many times over.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Every deed of the son of Adam will be rewarded between ten and seven hundred fold."³⁴

Allaah The Almighty says:

{The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allaah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allaah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allaah is all-Encompassing and Knowing.}

[Al-Baqarah: 261]

He The Exalted accepts the morsel or the date and makes it as a mountain:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever gives charity equal to a date from good (Halal) earnings – for Allaah does not accept anything but that which is good – Allaah will take it in His right hand and tend it for the one who gave it as any one of you tends his foal, until it becomes like a mountain."³⁵

With half of a date, He The Exalted will save you from the Hellfire:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Fear the Hellfire, even if by giving half a date (in charity)."³⁶

34 Reported by Muslim.

35 Reported by Al-Bukhaari, Muslim and Ahmad.

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This is Allaah; The Superb Provider, The Superb Bestower, The Almighty, The Exalted.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Indeed, This is Allaah who is the Superb Provider, the firm Possessor of strength.} [Adh-Dhaariyaat: 58]

All of the creatures are provided out of His Mercy, The Exalted:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And there is no creature on earth but that upon Allaah is its provision, and He knows its place of dwelling and place of storage. All is in a clear register.} [Hood: 6]

He The Exalted, moreover, sends down goodness on His creatures day and night:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah's Hand is full, and (its fullness) is not affected by the continuous spending, day and night." He also said, "Do you see what He has spent since He created the Heavens and the Earth? Yet all that has not decreased what is in His Hand and His Throne is over the water."³⁷

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And your god is one God. There is no deity [worthy of worship] except Him, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.} [Al-Baqarah: 163]

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Reportado por Al-Bujari (4316).

This is Allaah Who is Beautiful in His Attributes, Self and Actions.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah is beautiful and loves beauty."³⁸

This is Allaah Who is The Ever-Living Who does not die

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And rely upon the Ever-Living who does not die.} [Al-Furqaan: 58]

He The Almighty also says:

{Allaah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep.} [Al-Baqarah: 255]

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah, The Almighty and The Exalted, does not sleep and it is not befitting that He should sleep."³⁹

This is Allaah, The First Who has no beginning, The Last Who has no end.

He The Almighty also says:

{He is the First and the Last, the Ascendant and the Intimate, and He is, of all things, Knowing.} [Al-Hadeed: 3]

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Allah! You are Al-Awwal (The First), nothing is before You; Al-Aakhir (The Last), nothing is after You; Az-Zahir (Ascendant), nothing is above You; and Al-Batin (the Intimate), nothing is below You."⁴⁰

38 Reported by Muslim on the authority of Ibn Mas'ood, may Allaah be pleased with him.

39 Reported by Muslim (179) on the authority of Abu Moosa, may Allaah be pleased with him.

40 Reported by Muslim (2713).

This is Allaah...“The Sovereign, The Pure, The Exalted in Might, The Ever-Wise.”

Allaah The Almighty says:

{ He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfection, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.} [Al-Hashr: 23]

This is Allaah...The Creator, The Inventor, The Fashioner

Allaah The Almighty says:

{He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor, the Fashioner; to Him belong the best names. Whatever is in the heavens and earth is exalting Him. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.} [Al-Hashr: 24]

Principles related to the Names and Attributes of Allaah The Almighty

1. All the Names of Allaah The Almighty are Most Beautiful and all of His Attributes are Sublime:

Allaah The Almighty says: {And to Allaah belong the best names.} [Al-A'raaf: 180]

2. They are free from all defects and evils:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said while he was engaging in a private conversation with His Lord: "And evil is not from You."⁴¹

3. None of His creation is similar to Him.

Allaah The Almighty says: {There is nothing like unto Him} [Ash-Shoora: 11]

He The Almighty also says: {Then is He who creates like one who does not create? So will you not be reminded?} [An-Nahl: 17]

4. Allaah The Almighty cannot be known except through the Noble Quran and Honorable Sunnah:

Allaah The Almighty says: {And of the people is he who disputes about Allaah without knowledge or guidance or an enlightening book [from Him], Twisting his neck [in arrogance] to mislead [people] from the way of Allaah. For him in the world is disgrace, and We will make him taste on the Day of Resurrection the punishment of the Burning Fire [while it is said]} [Al-Hajj: 8-9]

Speaking about Allaah The Almighty away from the truth of the Book and the authentic Sunnah is a gross sin.

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Reported by Muslim (771) on the authority of 'Ali, may Allaah be pleased with him.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned.} [Al-Israa': 36]

He The Almighty also says: {And who is more unjust than one who invents about Allaah a lie or denies His verses? Indeed, the wrongdoers will not succeed.} [Al-An'aam: 21]

5. All of the creation cannot encompass Him in their knowledge in any way:

Allaah The Almighty says: {But they do not encompass it in knowledge.} [Taa-Haa: 110]

Ibn Katheer, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: This also includes knowledge about His honorable attributes that no sent Messenger or illustrious angel can even know without Allaah's leave. Similarly, He The Almighty said: **{And they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills.}** [Al-Baqarah: 255], and He The Almighty also said: **But they do not encompass it in knowledge.}** [Taa-Haa: 110] (v.2, p.476) Taybah.

The Beauty of Allaah The Almighty, Greatness of His Names and Sublimity of His Attributes are far above to be counted by the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and thus he found no way except to implore Him with his, peace and blessings be upon him, saying: "I cannot praise You enough; You are as You have praised Yourself."⁴²

6. Memorizing and preservation of the Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty:

Many scholars have discussed the idea of the preservation of the Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty for the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever memorizes

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Reported by Muslim.

them will enter Paradise."⁴³

The opinions of the Scholars regarding that matter can be summed up as follows:

1. Learning and knowing their meanings.
2. Observing their rights through believing in them, testifying them and acting upon them.
3. Counting and learning them by heart and calling upon our Lord by them.

7. Calling upon Allaah The Almighty by His Beautiful Names:

Allaah The Almighty says: {And to Allaah belong the best names, so invoke Him by them.} [Al-A'raaf: 180]

Invoking Allaah The Almighty by His Names and Attributes can be divided into three categories:

First: Invocation of request:

This is the most well known category. It is to ask Allaah The Almighty all of your needs, ask Him to bestow goodness and ward off harm such as asking Him for forgiveness, mercy, provision and so on.

For instance:

1. Asking Him for Forgiveness for He is the Oft-Forgiving such as the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: Rabb ighfir li wa tubb 'alayya innaka anta al-Tawwaab al-Raheem (O Lord, forgive me and accept my repentance, for You are the Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful)."⁴⁴
2. Asking Him for Hibah (i.e. gift and grace) for He The Exalted The Superb Bestower such as the saying of Allaah The Almighty: {Indeed, You are the Superb Bestower.} [Aal-'Imraan: 8]
3. Asking Him for pardoning for he is the Oft-Pardoning such as

43 Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim.

44 Reported by At-Tayaalisi (2050), Ahmad (2/21), Abu Daawood (1516), At-Tirmithi (3434), Ibn Maajah (4814). Refer to *As-Silsilah As-Saheehah* (556).

the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, in the supplication of Laylat Al-Qadr: "Qooli: Allaahumma in-naka 'afuwwun tuhibb al-'afwa fa'affu 'anni (Say: "O Allaah! Verily, You are the Oft-Pardoning, You love to pardon, so pardon me."⁴⁵

4. Asking Him for healing for He is the Healer. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: Adhib al-baas Rabb anaas, wa'shfi anta al-Shaafi, laa shifaa'a illa shifaa'uka (Take away the pain, O Lord of mankind, and grant healing, for You are the Healer, and there is no healing but Your healing).⁴⁶

Second: Invocation of praise and commendation

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The best of invocation is Al-Hamdulillaah (praise to Allaah)."⁴⁷

It is the invocation in which the slave declare his love to Allaah The Almighty and praise Him on His graces and blessings and praising Him as He should be praised with his Beautiful Names and Sublime Attributes.

For example: The invocation of the people of the Paradise when they are in the most perfect blessing and mercy and when their heart became full of the love of their Lord will be their saying: Al-Hamdulillaahi rabbi Al-'Aalameen (Praise to Allaah, Lord of the worlds!).

Allaah The Almighty says: {Their call therein will be, "Exalted are You, O Allaah," and their greeting therein will be, "Peace." And the last of their call will be, "Praise to Allaah, Lord of the worlds!"} [Yoonus: 10]

Another Example: What the Prophet, peace and blessings be

45 Reported by At-Tirmithi (3383), Ibn Maajah (3800), Ibn Hibbaan (1/503) and Al-Haakim (846) on the authority of Jaabir, may Allaah be pleased with him. Al-Haakim deemed its Saheeh (authentic). Refer to *Saheeh Jaami' At-Tirmithi* (2694).

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upon him, said: "Allaahumma anta al-awwal fa laysa qabla-ka shay'un, wa anta al-aakhir fa laysa ba'daka shay'un, wa anta ath-thaahir fa laysa fawqaka shay'un, wa anta al-baatin fa laysa doonaka shay'un (O Allaah! You are The First, nothing is before You; The Last, nothing is after You; The Ascendant, nothing is above You; and The Intimate, nothing is below You)."48

And as the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "Allaahumma 'Anta Rabbee laa 'ilaaha 'illaa 'Anta, khalaqtanee wa 'anaa 'abduka (O Allaah, You are my Lord, there is none worthy of worship but You. You created me and I am your slave)."49

Third: The invocation of worship and faith:

1. It is to dedicate to Allaah The Almighty alone all of the acts of worship, trust, fear, hope, love, humiliation and so on.

As Allaah The Almighty says: {Say, [O Muhammad], "I only invoke my Lord and do not associate with Him anyone.} [Al-Jinn: 20]

Ibn Katheer, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "**I only invoke my Lord**" means I only worship my Lord alone, and He has no partners. I seek His help; I put my trust in Him and do not associate with Him anyone."50

48 Reported by Muslim.

49 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

50 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (4/417).

It is forbidden to use any of the Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty as names for others.

Ruling of the issue: Ibn Katheer, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: In conclusion, there are several Names of Allaah The Almighty that are used as names for others besides Allaah The Almighty⁵¹. Further, some Names of Allaah The Almighty are exclusive for Allaah The Almighty alone, such as Allaah, Al-Khaaliq (the Creator), Ar-Raaziq (the Sustainer), Ar-Rahmaan (the Most Gracious) and so forth.⁵²

For instance: It was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The most despised name with Allaah The Almighty will be a man who was called Malik Al-Am-laak. There is no King except Allaah.", and in another: "The man who will be the most deserving Allaah's anger and most evil on the Day of Resurrection..."⁵³

Changing of such names:

It was narrated on the authority of Haani' Ibn Yazeed, may Allaah be pleased with him, that his nickname at that time was Abul Hakam (Father of Judgment).

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to him: "Allaah is Al-Hakam and for Him is the final Judgment, so why you are named so? So he replied: "When my people dispute in any matter, they come to me for arbitration; and when I judge between them, both parties are pleased with my judgement." The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "How excellent

51 Amongst the names that cannot be used for others than Allaah The Almighty are Ra'oof (Kind) and Ar-Raheem (Merciful) such as the saying of Allaah The Almighty about the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: **{And He is Ever Most Merciful to the believers.}** [Al-Ahzaab: 43], and so on.

52 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (1/21).

53 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (6206) and Muslim (2143).

is this! Do you have any children?" He said: "Yes, Shuraih, Muslim and 'Abdullaah." Then the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, asked: "Who is the eldest?" He answered: "Shuraih." Then the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Then (from now on,) you will be known as Abu Shuraih."⁵⁴

54 Reported by Al-Bukhaari in *Al-Adab Al-Mufrad* (811), Abu Daawood (4955), *An-Nasaa'i* (5402), and Ibn Hibaan (504). Refer to *Sunan Abu Daawood* (4145).

Nations that went astray regarding the Names and Attributes of Allaah The Almighty

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And leave [the company of] those who practice deviation concerning His names. They will be recompensed for what they have been doing.} [Al-A'raaf: 180]

When the devil failed to make the children of Adam forget Allaah The Almighty, he tricked them and changed their religion and innate belief. So he made them forget the Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty, the Attributes of His Perfection and Majesty. So they came to know another god other than Allaah The Almighty and another lord other than their Creator. They came to know a god who has imperfect attributes who is attributed by inability, imperfection, exhaustion and incarnation (i.e. the appearance of a god as a human) while they think that they are doing well in their work. Who are those nations?

Jews describe Allaah The Almighty with poorness

Allaah The Almighty says about the Jews:

{Allah has certainly heard the statement of those [Jews] who said, "Indeed, Allah is poor, while we are rich.} [Aal-'Imraan: 181]

May Allaah's continuous curses descend on them until the Day of Resurrection.

They (the Jews) describe Him The Almighty also with miserliness:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And the Jews say, "The hand of Allah is chained." Chained are their hands, and cursed are they for what they say. Rather, both His hands are extended; He spends however He wills.} [Al-Maa'idah: 64]

Imam Ibn Katheer, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: Allaah

The Almighty states that the Jews, may Allah's continuous curses descend on them until the Day of Resurrection, describe Him as a miser. Allaah is far holier than what they attribute to Him. The Jews also claim that Allaah The Almighty is poor.⁵⁵

Al-Ashaa'rah (Asharites) is eviler than the Jews:

The Jews have said: **"The hand of Allah is chained."** They affirmed that Allaah The Almighty has a hand; however, the deviant sects such as the Al-Ashaa'rah, Al-Mu'tilah, Al-Jahmiyyah and others said: (He has no hand); rather, they denied the attributes of Allaah The Almighty such as the Face, Eye and the like. As for what they could not deny, they made a corrupted figurative interpretation for it. So they all agreed on belying the Names and the Attributes of Allaah The Almighty and differed in just the methods of doing that.

Jews and Christians claim that "Allaah has a son":

Allaah The Almighty says:

{The Jews say, "Ezra is the son of Allah"; and the Christians say, "The Messiah is the son of Allaah.} [At-Tawbah: 30]

Then Allaah The Almighty replied to them in the same Ayah (verse) saying:

{That is their statement from their mouths; they imitate the saying of those who disbelieved [before them]. May Allah destroy them; how are they deluded?} [At-Tawbah: 30]

Christians do not differentiate between Allaah The Almighty and humans:

This is what the Christians have said:

55 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (2/72)

Allaah The Almighty says:

{They have certainly disbelieved who say, "Allaah is the Messiah, the son of Mary".} [Al-Maa'idah: 72]

Refuting their claim:

This is what Al-Maseeih (Jesus the Christ), peace be upon him, said:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{While the Messiah has said, "O Children of Israel, worship Allaah, my Lord and your Lord." Indeed, he who associates others with Allah - Allah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers.} [Al-Maa'idah: 72]

They said that Allaah The Almighty is the third of three:

This is what they have said:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{They have certainly disbelieved who say, "Allah is the third of three."} [Al-Maa'idah: 73]

This is the reply of Allaah The Almighty on them:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And there is no god except one God. And if they do not desist from what they are saying, there will surely afflict the disbelievers among them a painful punishment. So will they not repent to Allaah and seek His forgiveness? And Allaah is Forgiving and Merciful.} [Al-Maa'idah: 73-74]

They even claimed that Allaah feels tired:

This what they have said: Qataadah, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: The Jews, may Allaah's curses descend on them, said that Allaah created the heavens and earth in six days and

then rested on the seventh day, which was the Sabbath. This is why they call it a holiday."⁵⁶

This is the refutation of Allaah The Almighty for their claim:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And We did certainly create the heavens and earth and what is between them in six days, and there touched Us no weariness.}

[Qaaf: 38]

Ibn Katheer, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "**And there touched Us no weariness**" indicating that no sleep, exhaustion or weariness affects Him.⁵⁷

They believe that Allaah The Almighty sleeps:

The Christians believe that Allaah The Almighty sleeps once a year in the New Year occasion at the midnight (12 o'clock in the middle of the night). Therefore, they put off the lights and then do whatever they like of the forbidden deeds for they believe that Allaah will not see them during that time.

This is the refutation of Allaah The Almighty for their claim:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep.} [Al-Baqarah: 255]

This is the refutation of the Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, for their claim:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah does not sleep and it is not befitting that He should sleep."⁵⁸

Al-Jahmiyyah⁶⁴ (Jahmites) denied the Attributes of Allaah The

56 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (4/221).

57 Ibid

58 Reported by Muslim.

59 Al-Jahmiyyah: This evil and wicked sect appeared in the beginning of the 2nd Hijri century by Al-Ja'ad ibn Dirham. He is the first one who claimed that Quran is created. He

Almighty.

This sect denied the Attributes of Allaah The Almighty. They claimed that Allaah The Almighty does not hear, see, speak, has no face, hands, eyes and that Allaah will not be seen on the Day of Resurrection, he is not in the heaven nor above His Throne, the Quran is the created speech of Allaah The Almighty. They also denied the explicit texts of the Noble Quran and honorable Sunnah. So Allaah The Almighty refuted their claims saying:

{The Most Merciful [who is] above the Throne established.}
[Taa-Haa: 5]

And His saying:

{And Allaah spoke to Moses with [direct] speech.} [An-Nisaa': 164]

And His saying:

{[Some] faces, that Day, will be radiant, looking at their Lord.}
[Al-Qiyaamah: 22-23]

Ath-Thawri, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "Whoever claims that Quran is created is a Kaafir (disbeliever)."⁶⁰

Muhammad ibn Yoosuf said: "Whoever claims that Allaah is not over His Throne is a Kaafir. And the one who thinks that Allaah did

denied it to be the speech of Allaah The Almighty which He speaks, and that Allaah spoke to Moosa (Moses). Also, he denied that Allaah has taken Ibraheem as an intimate friend. He spoke about the attributes of Allaah The Almighty and denied them and made a corrupted figurative interpretation for what he cannot deny.

Ibn Taymiyyah, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: The first one I memorize about him that he said such saying in Islam i.e. that Allaah The Almighty is not on the Throne in real sense and that Istawa (rising over) means Istawla (conquer) and the like is Al-Ja'ad ibn Dirham. Then Al-Jahm ibn Safwaan followed his footsteps and spread the idea. so the sect of Al-Jahmiyyah was named after him.

As for Al-Ja'ad ibn Dirham, he was killed by Khaalid ibn 'Abdullaah Al-Qasri. He slaughtered him and made him a sacrifice on the first day of 'Eed Al-Adha in 124 A.H.

As for Jahm ibn Safwaan, Salam ibn Ahwaz ordered killing him and it was said that a man stabbed him in his mouth and killed him.

60 *Khalq Af'aal Al-'Ibaad* by Al-Bukhaari (6).

not speak to Moses is a Kaafir.⁶¹

Sa'eed ibn 'Aamir said: "The Jahmiyyah have a creed worse than that of the Jews and Christians. The Jews and Christians and all the people of Religions agreed that Allaah The Almighty is on the Throne, but they (Jahmiyyah and those who are like them) say: "There is nothing on the Throne."⁶²

By denying such attributes of Allaah The Almighty they have committed two gross sins:

First: By denying the attributes of Allaah The Almighty, they went against the truth and belied the explicit texts of the Noble Quran and authentic honorable Sunnah.

Second: When they denied the attributes of Allaah The Almighty, they worshiped a god which is non-existent or like an idol.

Al-Bukhaari, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: Some scholars said: Al-Jahmiyyah are Al-Mushshabihah for they likened their lord to the deaf and dumb idol who does not hear, see, speak, or create."⁶³

Al-Jahmiyyah also said about Allaah The Almighty: "He also does not speak nor see Himself."⁶⁴

Ibn Al-Mubaark said: "Every group of people knows what they really worship except Al-Jahmiyyah."⁶⁵

Al-Qaadiaaniyyah Al-Ahmadiyyah⁶⁶ is more disbelieving than

61 Ibid (p. 13).

62 Ibid (P. 7).

63 (2) *Khalq Af'aal Al-'Ibaad* by Al-Bukhaari (20).

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65 Ibid (p. 13).

66 The sect of Al-Qaadiaaniyyah (that is known nowadays as Al-Ahmadiyyah) was founded in the 19th century in Qaadiaan in India. Its founder is Ghulaam Ahmad Al-Qaadiaani. He was an English agent. He used to drink alcohol, drugs, does magic and prohibited matters. He

the Jews and the Christians

Such sect is one of the evil deviant sects. All of its beliefs are false. Its founder is Ghulaam Ahmad Al-Qaadiaani has claimed to be a prophet and that he is the best of all prophets. He invented lies about Allaah The Almighty and claimed that it has been inspired to him⁶⁷ from Allaah The Almighty until Allaah The Almighty caused him to die from Cholera and the impurities came out of his mouth that used to utter impurities of misguidance and superstitions.

Just look at their wicked beliefs and how they invent lies about Allaah The Almighty in their sayings:

- They believe that Allaah The Almighty wakes up, sleeps and observes fasting.

The liar who claimed to be a prophet Ghulaam Ahmad al-Qadiani said: "Allaah said to me: I pray, fast, wake up, and sleep."⁶⁸

- They believe that Allaah The Almighty make mistakes and gets things right:

The liar said: Allaah said: I am with the messenger answer,

claimed to be a prophet and insulted and scorned the prophets and made himself better than them. Advocates of such sect concentrated in London and India. They began to spread in the Islamic and Arab countries. Allaah is sufficient for us, and what an excellent Trustee He is. Such group has evident activities in the present time in spreading their misguidance through their website on internet and through their satellite channel that is broadcasted from London which appear under the name of Al-Ahmadiyyah Islamic Channel. They have university in Haifa that is embraced by Israel. Thus, warning people against them is a must.

He is truthful that he receives inspiration; but the one who inspires to him is the devil as ⁶⁷

Allaah The Almighty says: **{And thus We have made for every prophet an enemy - devils from mankind and jinn, inspiring to one another decorative speech in delusion.}** [Al-An'aam: 112] and

He The Almighty also says: **{And indeed do the devils inspire their allies [among men] to dispute with you. And if you were to obey them, indeed, you would be associators [of others with Him].}**

[[Al-An'aam: 121

⁶⁸ Al-Bishri (2/97) by the Ghulaam Al-Qaadiaani.

make mistakes and gets things right.”⁶⁹

- The creed of the Al-Qaadiaaniyyah: Ghulaam Ahmad Al-Qaadiaani is the son of Allaah The Almighty; rather, he is Allaah Himself. So the liar said: “Allaah said to me: You are from our semen.”⁷⁰

He also said: “Allaah spoke to me saying: O my son, listen to me.”⁷¹

He went even worse in lying and said: “The Lord said to me: you are from me and I am from you. So your appearance is my appearance.”⁷²

Allaah The Almighty says:

“Exalted is He and high above what they say by great sublimity.” [Al-Israa': 43]

69 Ibid (2/79).

70 *Anjaam Atam* by the Ghulaam (p.55).

71 *Al-Bishri* (1/49) by the Ghulaam.

72 *Wahiyy Al-Muqadasi* (650) by the Ghulaam, citing from the book called, *Al-Jazaa' min Jins Al-'Amal* by Professor sheykh, Sayyid Al-'Iifaani. For more information about them, you may refer to (p. 291-307) of the first chapter of the mentioned book.

Is there any authentic Hadeeth mentions the Most Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty?

No, there is no authentic Hadeeth mentions the Most Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty which can be traced to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. Rather, what is reported in this regard from the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, is the Hadeeth of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, which is narrated in both Saheehs (of Al-Bukhaari and Muslim): Allaah the Exalted has ninety-nine Names, one hundred less one; whoever then preserves them, will enter Paradise." Many narrations were reported for such Hadeeth and then mentioned the names with their saying: "He is Allaah, other than whom there is no deity. He is the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful..." These narrations were reported by Al-Haakim, Ibn Maajah and At-Tirmithi. All of such narrations cannot be authentically ascribed to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and they are not from the words of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him; but rather, they included some words of the Salaf.⁷³

Actually, they include many names which the people believe that they are among the Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty while they are not. Some of them are as follows:

Firstly, the Names that are mentioned derived from the actions:⁷⁴

Amongst the books that their compilers did a lot of derivation is (the book named *Al-Asna* by Al-Qurtubi) and those who followed his footsteps.

Such way of derivation is not sound at all as it is explained at the end of our book.

Such names are:

73 Refer to the book named *Al-Asmaa' Al-Husna* (The Beautiful Names of Allaah) by 'Abdullaah Al-Ghusn and *Majmoo' Al-Fataawa* (6/379).

74 Refer to the end of our book under the chapter of: The Hadeeth that mentions the Names of Allaah The Almighty is weak.

Al-Khaafid Al-Raafi' (the Abaser, the Exalter); Al-Mu'izz, Al-Muthill (the Honourer, the Humiliator); Al-'Adl (the Just), Al-Baa'ith (Resurrector), Al-Muhsi (the Reckoner), Al-Mubdi' (the Originator), Al-Mu'eed (the Restorer), Al-Muhi (the Giver of Life), Al-Mumeet (the Taker of Life), Al-Daarr⁷⁵, Al-Naafi' (the One who harms, the One Who benefits); Al-Mughni (the Enricher), Al-Maani' (the Withholder), Al-Baaqi (the Eternal), Al-Muqsit (The Equitable), Ar-Rasheed (the Wise), Ar-Raashid (The Guide), Al-Qadeem (The Giver of Advance Warning), Al-Mawjood (the Existent), Al-Maqsood (the One Who is asked), and As-Sataar (the Concealer of Faults).

Secondly, the names that were derived from annexed and compound names or the names that are restricted by another word:

Such as: An-Noor (the Light), it is taken from the words of Allaah The Almighty:

{Allaah is the Light of the heavens and the earth.} [An-Noor: 35]

Al-Badee' (the Originator): It is taken from the words of Allaah The Almighty:

{Originator of the heavens and the earth.} [Al-Baqarah: 117]

Al-Kaafi (the Sufficient): It is taken from the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{Is not Allaah sufficient for His Servant [Prophet Muhammad]?) [Az-Zummar: 36]

Al-Jaami' (the Gatherer): It is taken from the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{Our Lord, surely You will gather the people for a Day about which there is no doubt.} [Aal-'Imraan: 9]

Ghaafir (The Forgiver): It is taken from the words of Allaah The Al-

75 I have not found yet any explicit action of Allaah The Almighty; but, what is reported in this regard are the saying of Allaah The Almighty: **{And if Allaah should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him.}** [Al-An'aam: 17], and His saying: **{If Allaah intended me harm, are they removers of His harm.}** [Az-Zummar: 38] and the like of that. However, I have not found any proof mentioned the verb Darr (i.e. have harmed) or Yadurr (i.e. will harm) and the like.

mighty:

{The forgiver of sin, acceptor of repentance.} [Ghaafir: 3]

Al-Qadeem: It is taken from the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "I seek refuge with Allaah the Almighty and in His noble Countenance and His eternal power from the accursed Satan)"⁷⁶

Thirdly, the names of which there is no evidence on them, to be names, actions or descriptions.

Amongst such names is Al-Mutalib (it is not one of the names of Allaah The Almighty; however, Abdul Mutalib is a name of the grandfather of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him) and so on.

Fourthly, the names that are mentioned in weak Hadeeths:

Amongst them are: "Al-Waajid and Al-Maajid"

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Reported by Abu Daawood in the book of *Tahaarah* (Purification) 1/127 (466).

Who is your Lord?

That is Allaah The Almighty; your Lord.

Whoever is content with Allaah as his Lord will enter Paradise:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: Whoever says in the morning: Radheetu billaahi Rabban, wa bil-'Islaami deenan, wa bi-Muhammadin, Nabiyyan (I am content with Allaah as my Lord, and with Islam as my religion, and with Muhammad as my Prophet), so I am the leader and I will take him from his hand into Paradise."⁷⁷

What does the Lord do? What are the descriptions of the Lord?

Ibraaheem (Abrahaam), peace be upon him, describes the Lord The Almighty saying:

{Indeed, they are enemies to me, except the Lord of the worlds. Who created me, and He [it is who] guides me. And it is He who feeds me and gives me drink. And when I am ill, it is He who cures me. And who will cause me to die and then bring me to life. And who I aspire that He will forgive me my sin on the Day of Recompense.} [Ash-Shu'raa': 77-82]

All favors and blessings are from Allaah The Almighty. Allaah The Almighty says:

{And whatever you have of favor - it is from Allaah.} [An-Nahl: 53]

⁷⁷ Reported by At-Tabaraani with a good chain of transmission. Refer to 'Saheeh At-Targheeb and At-Tarheeb' (657) and As-Saheehah (8626).

The Lord is the One Who can heal the sickness alone:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Allaah, Lord of mankind, remove the evil and grant healing, for You are the Healer. There is no healing except Your healing, which does not leave any sickness."⁷⁸

The Lord is the One Who created all things alone:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Allaah is the Creator of all things, and He is, over all things, Disposer of affairs.} [Az-Zumar: 62]

The Lord is the Provider alone:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And how many a creature carries not its [own] provision. Allaah provides for it and for you. And He is the Hearing, the Knowing.} [Al-'Ankaboot: 60]

The Lord is the One Who gives life and causes death:

Allaah The Almighty says on the behalf of Ibraaheem, peace be upon him:

{My Lord is the one who gives life and causes death.} [Al-Baqarah: 258]

The Lord is the One Who teaches:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Recite in the name of your Lord who created. Created man from a clinging substance. Recite and your Lord is the most Generous. Who taught by the pen. Taught man that which he knew not.} [Al-'Alaq: 1-5]

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Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim.

A comprehensive description of the Lord:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Exalt the name of your Lord, the Most High. Who created and proportioned. And who destined and [then] guided. And who brings out the pasture. And [then] makes it black stubble.} [Al-'Ala: 1-5]

Nooh (Noah), peace be upon him, invited his people to His Lord with strong words that affects the heart; rather, they are tearful.

Allaah The Almighty says on the behalf of Nooh, peace be upon him:

{What is [the matter] with you that you do not attribute to Allaah [due] grandeur While He has created you in stages? Do you not consider how Allaah has created seven heavens in layers And made the moon therein a [reflected] light and made the sun a burning lamp? And Allaah has caused you to grow from the earth a [progressive] growth. Then He will return you into it and extract you [another] extraction And Allaah has made for you the earth an expanse. That you may follow therein roads of passage.} [Nooh: 13-20]

Worship is a right for the Lord the Almighty alone:

If you are not created by yourself, then you are not created for yourself. You are created for Allaah The Almighty and worshipping Him.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.} [Ath-Thaariyaat: 56]

He The Almighty also says:

{That is Allaah, your Lord; there is no deity except Him, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He is Disposer of all things.} [Al-An'aam: 102]

He The Almighty also says:

{O mankind!, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, that you may become righteous. [He] who made for you the earth a bed [spread out] and the sky a ceiling and sent down from the sky, rain and brought forth thereby fruits as provision for you. So do not attribute to Allaah equals while you know [that there is nothing similar to Him].} [Al-Baqarah: 21-22]

La adoración es un derecho para el Señor Todopoderoso solamente:

Si no fuiste creado por ti mismo, entonces no fuiste creado para ti mismo. Tú fuiste creado para Al-lâh el Todopoderoso y para adorarlo.

Al-lâh el Todopoderoso dice:

{Y yo no he creado a los genios (jins) y a los hombres sino para que Me adoren.} [Az-Zaariyaat: 56]

Nations that do not know their Lord

The devil has misled some nation and misguided their minds until they forgot their Lord. Amongst them are those who do not know their Creator and Provider The Almighty:

The people of Thamood have disbelieved in their Lord:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{As if they had never prospered therein. Unquestionably, Thamood denied their Lord; then, away with Thamud.} [Hood: 68]

Fir'awn (Pharaoh) does not know who his Lord is:

Fir'awn has asked Moosa, peace be upon him, about Allaah The Almighty saying (as Allaah The Almighty mentions in the Noble Quran):

{[Pharaoh] said, "So who is the Lord of you two, O Moses?} [Taa-Haa: 49]

Then Moosa replied:

{He said, "Our Lord is He who gave each thing its form and then guided [it].} [Taa-Haa: 50]

Qaaroon (the richest ever man in the whole world) does not know who provides him:

The scholars of his people said to him (as Allaah The Almighty mentions in the Noble Quran):

{But seek, through that which Allaah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as Allaah has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allaah does not like corrupters.} [Al-Qasas: 77]

Then he replied upon them saying:

{He said, "I was only given it because of knowledge I have.} [Al-Qasas: 78]

Then the result was as Allaah The Almighty says:

{And We caused the earth to swallow him and his home. And

there was for him no company to aid him other than Allaah , nor was he of those who [could] defend themselves.} [Al-Qasas: 81]

Jews and Christians have taken their scholars and monks as lords besides Allaah

'Adi ibn Haatim narrated that he heard the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, reciting the following Ayah (verse):

{They have taken their scholars and monks as lords besides Allaah, and [also] the Messiah, the son of Mary.} [At-Tawabah: 31]

So I said: "We did not worship them." The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Do They (rabbis and monks) not prohibit what Allaah The Almighty has allowed and thus you prohibit it, and allow what Allaah The Almighty has prohibited and thus you allow it." I said: That is right. He, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Then this is how you worship them."⁷⁹

They believe that forgiveness is in their hand:

So if one makes a mistake, he goes to what they call Father (Pop) and set on a chair that is named confessional to confess the details of his mistake and sin seeking his forgiveness. Upon that the Father will say to him: So go! Your sins have been erased. Glory be to Allaah! How can one seek forgiveness from a slave like him who makes mistakes like all other human beings and commits sins like all other sinners?

*It narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Every son of Adam sins and the best of those who sin are those who repent."*⁸⁰

Glorified be Allaah above all that they attribute to Him! The slave who seeks forgiveness from a human being like him has committed two gross sins:

79 Reported by At-Tirmithi in "Al-Jaami'" No. (3094). Its origin was reported by Ahmad in Al-Musnad (4/257-378), without mentioning such wording.

80 Al-Albaani deemed it Hasan (good) Hadeeth in *Mishkaat Al-Masabeeh* (2341).

Firstly: Associating others with Allaah The Almighty because he does not know that Allaah The Almighty alone is the Forgiver of sins. Allaah The Almighty says:

{And who can forgive sins except Allaah?} [Aal-'Imraan: 135], and the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "So Forgive me for there is no one who forgives sin except You."

Secondly: He has revealed his sins to a slave like him who possess no power of benefit or hurt. So someone like that man cannot be forgiven. It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

*"All of my Ummah may be forgiven except those who commit sin openly. It is a kind of committing sin openly if a man does something at night, then morning comes and Allaah has concealed his sin, but he says, 'O So and so, I did such and such last night,' when his Lord has concealed him (his action) all night but in the morning he reveals that which Allaah had concealed for him."*⁸¹

Communists deny that this universe should have a Lord⁸²:

They do not believe that this creation has a creator, or that provision has a provider. Nature is the effective element and material that created such universe. This universe is eternal; has no beginning and has no end. Amongst their beliefs are denying the Existence of Allaah The Almighty and all of Unseen matters. Amongst their evil words are: We believe in three: Marx, Lenin, Stalin and disbelieve in three: Allaah, religion and the private property. May the curse of Allaah continue to descend upon them until the Day of Resurrection.⁸³

81 Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim.

82 Communism was appeared in the seventeenth century in Europe. It was developed on the hands of Marx, Lenin and Stalin.

83 *Al-Mawsoo'ah Al-Muysarah* (310) and you may refer to the book named "*Ash-Shirk fi Al-Qadeem w al Hadeeth* by Abu Bakr Muhammad ibn Zakaria published by Maktabit Al-Rushd."

Glory be to Allaah! They walk upon the surface of the land while they do not know who spread it,
And under a heaven while they do not know who raised it, And eat different kinds of plants while they do not know who made them produce such fruits,
And drink from rivers while they do not know who gushed them out.

Allaah The Almighty says: {Those are like livestock; rather, they are more astray.} [Al-A'raaf: 179]

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whilst a shepherd was amongst his sheep, a wolf attacked them and took away a sheep. The shepherd chased it to get that sheep freed from the wolf. The wolf turned towards the shepherd and said, 'Who will guard the sheep on the day of wild animals when it will have no shepherd except me?'⁸⁴"

And in a variant narration reported by Imam Ahmad: The wolf said: "Do you not fear Allaah? Do you forbid me the provision which Allaah has provided me?"⁸⁵"

The cow knows who created her and why he created it: It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "While a man was riding a cow, it turned towards him and said, 'I have not been created for this purpose (i.e. carrying), I have been created for tilling the land.'" Hearing this, people said: "*Subhaan Allaah* (Glory be to Allaah)!" The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, added, "I, Abu Bakr and 'Umar ibn Al-Khattaab believe in the story."⁸⁶

Is it sufficient to be a Muslim to know that Allaah The Almighty is the Lord?

Answer of this question should be of what has been stated in the Noble Quran and honorable Sunnah. Here are some of them:

84 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3663).

85 Refer to "*Dalaa'Il An-Nuboowah*" by Sheykh Muqbil ibn Haadi Al-Waad'i.

86 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3663).

The disbelievers of Quraish know that Allaah is the Creator:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And if you asked them, “Who created the heavens and earth?” they would surely say, “Allaah.” Say, “[All] praise is [due] to Allaah”; but most of them do not know.} [Luqmaan: 25]

Whoever acknowledges that Allaah The Almighty is the Lord while he does not worship Him alone or associates another partner with Him in worship, then such acknowledgement will avail him nothing. That is because he acknowledges the grace but he does not thank the One Who bestows it and he acknowledges that Allaah is the Creator and the Provider alone, but he does not worship Him alone. They acknowledge that Allaah The Almighty is the Lord, but worship other than Him.

They worship them (such idols) that they may bring them nearer to Allaah The Almighty. Allaah The Almighty says:

{And those who take protectors besides Him [say], “We only worship them that they may bring us nearer to Allaah in position.”} [Az-Zumar: 3]

So you see them worshiping gods other than Allaah The Almighty, associating partners with Him in worship and loving them as they should love Allaah The Almighty, calling them instead of calling Him, seeking their help, put trust on them, make vows and slaughter sacrifices for them.

Iblees (Satan), may Allaah curse him, knows that Allaah The Almighty is his Lord and Creator:

Iblees said to Allaah The Almighty (as Allaah mentions on his behalf):

{You created me from fire and created him from clay.} [Al-A'raaf: 12]

Iblees knows that life and death is only determined by

Allaah The Almighty alone:

When he wants to do mischief on earth and misguides the Children of Adam until the Day of Resurrection. He asks Allaah The Almighty to make him live to the Day of Resurrection and not to inflict death on him.

Allaah The Almighty says on the behalf of Iblees⁸⁷:

{He said,}”My Lord, then reprieve me until the Day they are resurrected.” [Allaah] said, “So indeed, you are of those reprieved.} [Al-Hijr: 36-37]

Therefore, whoever knows Allaah The Almighty and does not worship Him, then such knowledge will avail him nothing. The same ruling applied to the one who knows that Allaah The Almighty is the right god while he does not worship Him and refuse to pray, bow or prostrate to Him. It is exactly as the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

“Between a man and Shirk (associating partner with Allaah The Almighty in worship) and Kufr (disbelief in Allaah The Almighty) there stands his neglect of the prayer.”⁸⁸

He, peace and blessings be upon him, also said: “The covenant that distinguishes between us and them is the prayer, and who ever neglects it has disbelieved (become a kaafir)⁸⁹.”⁹⁰

87 Sufyaan ibn 'Uyaynah, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said, “One should not let his sins prevent him from supplicating to Allaah. Allaah The Almighty has answered the supplication of the most evil creature, the accursed Satan, and cursed indeed is he. Allaah says:

{He said, “My Lord, then Reprieve me until the Day they are resurrected.”} [Al-Hijr:36]

88 Reported by Muslim.

89 Scholars hold different opinions regarding the Kufr (disbelief) of the one who neglects prayer whether it puts him beyond the pale of Islam or it is just a minor form of Kufr? They also differed regarding the cause of neglecting it whether it is because of denial or laziness? Also in the meaning of neglecting; whether he neglects it throughout his lifetime or he neglects it temporary such as the one who neglects some prayers or combine them together? So contemplate that carefully before passing judgments on people.

90 Reported by at-Tirmithi and said: Hasan Saheeh (good and authentic) Hadeeth

Say as universe says: Laa 'ilaaha illa Allaah (there is no deity except Allaah)

All is in this universe know that Allaah The Almighty is his Creator and Provider, so they thank, praise and know that Allaah The Almighty is their God and thus they obey and worship Him.

Allaah The Almighty says: {And there is not a thing except that it exalts [Allaah] by His praise.} [Al-Israa': 44]

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Allaah! Lord and King of everything, God of everything and to You is everything, I seek refuge with You from the Hellfire."⁹¹

A poet once said:

Glory be to the One He Who existed before all of the creation,
No one preceded him; no one will remain after except him.
The Lord of the whole universe is high above to be comprehend
by the knowledge of the slaves, so we without associating (other
with Him) worshiped Him.

So look, contemplate and think, surely you will know Him,
In everything and know that he is Allaah.

He is the One Who created all things from nothing,
All things glorify and fear Him.

Sun and moon are of the lights of His wisdoms,
Land and seas are of His great bounties.

The Throne, the Chair and the whole universe exalt Him,
In hope and fear, glorified be Him, Allaah.

The sun, the stars and the trees prostrate before Him,
In love and eagerness for Allaah is their Lord.

The cloud glorified him in the heaven,

Also the thunder and the wind did so for they love Him.

Rock falls down from its highness in fear,

Water gushes out of it (the rock) and weeps for fear of Him.

⁹¹ Reported by Ahmad (2/117) no. 5983 and Sheykh Ahmad Shaakir said: It has a sound chain of transmission.

And the sea exalts Him, waves honored Him,
Bird glorified Him, and the whale spoke to him privately.
Ant under the deaf solid rock knows Him,
And bees sing His praise in their beehives.
The universe thanks him, but the slave is ungrateful to Him,
And the slave forgets.
The slave forgets, but my Lord forgets him not,
All what is around us reminds us,
If we forget that our Lord is Allaah,
Who listens to our complaints and respond to them.
None responds to the creation of Allaah except Him.
Whoever removes the harm except Allaah, our Creator.
When the harm afflicts us, whom then we can pray for except
Him,
The name is exclusive for him, no one can get it.
This name is really known. It is Allaah.
The whole universe glorifies with praises its Creator The Almighty.
Let us travel in a journey between the heaven and the earth to
see the worshipers of Allaah The Almighty in everywhere and say
along with them: Laa 'ilaaha illallaah (there is no deity except Al-
laah).
Look at the glorification of the Angels who carry the Throne and
those around it.
The Angels carry the Throne and those around it glorify Allaah The
Almighty continually, surround the Throne from all round exalting
and extolling Allaah The Almighty.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Those [angels] who carry the Throne and those around it exalt
[Allaah] with praise of their Lord and believe in Him and ask for-
giveness for those who have believed, [saying], “Our Lord, You
have encompassed all things in mercy and knowledge, so forgive
those who have repented and followed Your way and protect
them from the punishment of Hellfire.} [Ghaafir: 7]

Subhaan Allaahi wa bi hamdih (Glory and praise be to Allaah) is a language of all creatures. It was also narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: Nooh (Noah) said to his son... I recommend you to continually say Subhaan Allaahi wa bi hamdih for it is the supplication of all creatures and with which they are provided."⁹²

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And there is not a thing except that it exalts [Allaah] by His praise, but you do not understand their [way of] exalting. Indeed, He is ever Forbearing and Forgiving.} [Al-Israa': 44]

All of the creatures pray and glorify Allaah The Almighty all in the same time:

It was also narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The sun never rises but all of the creation of Allaah The Almighty glorify Allaah The Almighty with His praise except the devils and the foolish of the children of Adam."⁹³

The seven heavens and earth exalt with the praise of Allaah The Almighty.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{The seven heavens and the earth and whatever is in them exalt Him. And there is not a thing except that it exalts [Allaah] by His praise, but you do not understand their [way of] exalting. Indeed, He is ever Forbearing and Forgiving.} [Al-Israa': 44]

Thunder and cloud exalt 'with the praise of Allaah The Almighty'
Allaah The Almighty says:

{And the thunder exalts [Allaah] with praise of Him - and the angels [as well] from fear of Him} [Ar-Ra'ad: 13]

92 Reported by An-Nasaa'i and the wording is for him, Al-Bazaar, Al-Haakim on the authority of 'Abdullaah ibn 'Amr and Al-Haakim said: It has a sound chain of transmission.

93 Hasan (good): It was reported by Ibn Ash-Shuni, Abu Na'eem in Al-Hilyah on the authority of 'Amr Ibn 'Absah and Al-Baani deemed it Hasan (good) in *Saheeh Al-Jaami'* (5599).

A great king exalts Allaah “the Most High, the Most Great”:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: “Allaah permitted me to speak about a rooster whose legs are on the earth and neck is fixed under the Throne, saying: Glorified are you (O God), how magnificent are You! He said: It will be given the reply, That is unknown by the one who swore with me falsely.”⁹⁴

This is Angel Israafeel, how great patience he has towards the obedience of Allaah The Almighty and how great his humility is before the hands of the All-Mighty, the Compeller. Contemplate his condition when he put the Soor (Trumpet) on his mouth since millions of years. Think thoughtfully his accuracy and devotion in following the command of Allaah The Almighty.

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: ⁹⁵“How can I be comfortable when the one with the horn has placed it in his mouth⁹⁶, leaned his forehead forward, listens attentively and is waiting to be commanded so that he can blow.”⁹⁷

All things prostrate to Allaah The Almighty:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Do you not see that to Allaah prostrates whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth and the sun, the moon, the stars,

94 Reported by Ahmad (5/435), Al-Bayhaqi in *Al-Asmaa'* (p.475) and others. refer to *As-Saheehah* (1665).

95 Reported by At-Tabaraani in *Al-Awsat* (7324), Abu Ash-Sheykh in *Al-'Athamah* (526) and Al-Haakim (4/297) on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him. Al-Haakim deemed it Saheeh (Authentic). Refer to Al-Manaar Al-Maneef (p. 55-56) and *As-Siilah As-Saheehah* (150).

96 Israafeel, peace be upon him. Qarn (horn) is the Soor (Trumpet).

97 Reported by At-Tirmithi and the wording is for him and said: Hasan (good) Hadeeth and Ibn Hibaan in his *Saheeh*

the mountains, the trees, the moving creatures and many of the people? But upon many the punishment has been justified.} [Al-Hajj: 18]

Sun prostrate for Allaah The Almighty under the Throne:

It was narrated that of Abu Tharr, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: "I was with the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, in the Al-Masjid (mosque) at sunset, and he, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Abu Tharr! Do you know where the sun sets) I said, 'Allaah and His Messenger know best.' He said: "It goes and prostrates beneath the Throne, and that is what Allaah says:

{And the sun runs [on course] toward its stopping point. That is the determination of the Exalted in Might, the Knowing.} [Yaa-Seen: 38]98

And in another variant narration reported by Imam Ahmad, he, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "It goes and prostrates before the hands of her Lord."

Star prostrates along with the tree to its Lord and Creator:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And the stars and trees prostrate.} [Ar-Rahmaan: 6]

Sheykh As-Sa'adi, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: This means that the stars of the heaven and the trees of the earth know their Lord, prostrate, obey and submit devoutly to Him.⁹⁹

The tree prostrates to Allaah The Almighty and supplicates Him: It was narrated that Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: I have seen in a dream that I am under a tree and

98 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

99 Tayseer Al-Kareem Ar-Rahmaan (p. 829).

the tree recites Soorat Saad (chapter 38 of Quran).

When it came upon the verse containing prostration, it prostrated and said in its prostration: "O Allaah, forgive me for it, remove from me a sin, keep it for me as thanks and accept it from me just as You accepted it from Your slave Dawood)." Then I went to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and told him about that. Upon that he, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Abu Sa'eed, has you prostrated (like it)?" I said: "No." So he said: "You had more duty to prostrate than the tree." Then the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, recited the Soorat of Saad and when he came upon the verse containing prostration, he prostrated and said in his prostration like what the tree said in its prostration.¹⁰⁰

Even the inkwell and the pen both prostrate to the One Who sent down the Holy Quran, Glorified be He:

It was narrated that Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: Soorat (chapter) of An-Najm was written before the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. When he reached the verse containing prostration, he prostrated, we also prostrated along with him and even the inkwell and the pen prostrated."¹⁰¹

Stones, trees and clay recite Talbiyah with the one who assumes Ihraam for Hajj or 'Umrah:

It was narrated on the authority of Sahl ibn Sa'd, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "No pilgrim says *Talbiyah*

100 Reported by At-Tirmithi, Ibn Hibban in his *Saheeh* on the authority of Ibn 'Abbaas and At-Tirmithi said: Hasan Ghareeb (good and strange) Hadeeth. It was also reported by Abu Ya'la and At-Tabaraani on the authority of Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri and Al-Albaani deemed it Hasan in *As-Saheehah* (2710).

101 Reported by Al-Bazaar with a good chain of transmission. Refer to *As-Saheehah* (3035).

('Labbayka Allaahumma Labbayk' and so on) but whatever on his right and left of stones, trees or clay will say *Talbiyah* to the farthest extent on earth from here and there on his right and left."¹⁰²

Submissiveness of the mountains to the Speech of Allaah The Almighty:

Glory be to Allaah! Such hard solid creatures believe in Allaah The Almighty. They humiliate and submit themselves to His Honor, humble and yield to His Greatness. Glory be to Him, How Great He is!

Allaah The Almighty says:

{If We had sent down this Qur'an upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbled and coming apart from fear of Allaah . And these examples We present to the people that perhaps they will give thought.} [Al-Hashr: 21]

Ibn Kahtheer, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "If this is the case with a mountain which is hard and huge, that if it was made able to comprehend and understand this Qur'an, will feel humble and crumble from fear of Allaah the Exalted, then what about you -- O mankind Why do your hearts not feel softness and humbleness from the fear of Allaah, even though you understand Allaah's command and comprehend His Book."¹⁰³

Stones split, fall down and cry for fear of Allaah The Almighty:

Allaah The Almighty says:

102 Reported by At-Tirmithi, Ibn Maajah, Al-Bayhaqi, Ibn Khuzaimah in his *Saheeh* and Al-Haakim reported it and said: *Saheeh* (authentic) according to the conditions of both Sheykh (i.e. Al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

103 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (4/331)

{For indeed, there are stones from which rivers burst forth, and there are some of them that split open and water comes out, and there are some of them that fall down for fear of Allaah. And Allaah is not unaware of what you do.} [Al-Baqarah: 74]

Mujaahid, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "Every stone the water burst out of it, it splits and water comes out of it or it falls down from mountaintops out of the fear of Allaah. The Holy Qur'an has been sent down with that."¹⁰⁴

Ibn Abi Haatim narrated with his chain of transmission from Yahya ibn Ya'qoob regarding the words of Allaah The Almighty: "from which rivers burst forth" that it means heavy weeping and His saying: "Some of them that split open and water comes out," means light crying."¹⁰⁵

The love of the mountain of Uhud for Allaah, His Messenger and the Believers: Such creatures are materially hard but have soft hearts, strong structures and kind feelings. It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "This (Mount Uhud) is a mount that loves us and that we love."¹⁰⁶

Anger of the heavens, earth and mountains:

Heavens, earth and mountains feel angry for attributing a son to the Most Merciful (Allaah The Almighty). Furthermore, they feel sad because those foolish people insult Allaah, the One. Exalted is He and high above what they describe.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And they say, "The Most Merciful has taken [for Himself] a son." You have done an atrocious thing. The heavens almost rupture

104 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (1/109)

105 Ibid.

106 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

there from and the earth splits open and the mountains collapse in devastation. That they attribute to the Most Merciful a son. And it is not appropriate for the Most Merciful that He should take a son.} [Maryam: 88-92]

To those who ascribed a son to Allaah The Almighty, Do you not fear that the heaven may rupture from above your heads or the earth may swallow you or that the mountains may collapse over you?

Enmity of trees and stones to the Jews for the Sake of Allaah The Almighty:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The Hour will not begin until the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them, until a Jew will be hiding behind a rock or a tree, and the rock or tree will say, 'O Muslim, O slave of Allaah, here is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!' except for the Al-gharqad (box-thorn), for it is one of the trees of the Jews."¹⁰⁷

Even the bodies of the disbelievers worship and obey Allaah The Almighty:

Allaah The Almighty is the One Who created and fashioned them. So they owe Him alone with loyalty and obedience. If He The Exalted ordered them, they will obey. If He subjects them to their owners, they will be subjected, if He takes away such subjection, it will be taken away and if He deforms them, they will be deformed.

The bodies of the Jews change to the bodies of apes and swines:

107 Reported by Muslim (5203).

Look at the bodies of the Jews when they disobeyed Allaah The Almighty and used deceitful means to fish on Sabbath on which fishing was prohibited for them (as a kind of honoring that day). So Allaah The Almighty commanded their bodies to change to the bodies of apes. So all of the bodies have obeyed the command of their Creator, Glorified be He.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And you had already known about those who transgressed among you concerning the sabbath, and We said to them, “Be apes, despised.” And We made it a deterrent punishment for those who were present and those who succeeded [them] and a lesson for those who fear Allaah.} [Al-Baqarah 65-66]

Hearings, eyes and skins will testify against their owners:

On the Day of Resurrection, Allaah The Almighty will take the subjection of the body to their owners, so they will obey their Lord. The hearing, eyes and skins will speak and witness for Allaah The Almighty against their owners.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And [mention, O Muhammad], the Day when the enemies of Allaah will be gathered to the Fire while they are [driven] assembled in rows, Until, when they reach it, their hearing and their eyes and their skins will testify against them of what they used to do. And they will say to their skins, “Why have you testified against us?” They will say, “We were made to speak by Allaah, who has made everything speak; and He created you the first time, and to Him you are returned.} [Fussilat: 19-21]

Even the fire worships Allaah, the All-Mighty, the Irresistible - Exalted and Glorified be He:

The fire, its heat and its flames worship Allaah The Almighty and submit to His command and sovereignty. When Allaah The Almighty wants it to burn, it will. However, if He The Almighty wants it to be cool, its flames to be gentle wind and its heat to be a fresh air, then it will obey His command and submit to His Subjection: For example, when Ibraaheem, peace be upon him, was thrown in the fire, Allaah The Almighty made it coolness and safety. Allaah The Almighty says:

{Allaah said, "O fire, be coolness and safety upon Abraham.} [Al-Anbiyaa': 69]

The wolf invite for Laa 'ilaaha illallaah (there is no deity except Allaah):

It was narrated that Ahbaan ibn Aws, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: I was amongst my sheep. Suddenly a wolf caught a sheep and I shouted at it. The wolf sat on its tail and addressed me, saying, 'Who will look after it (i.e. the sheep) when you will be busy and not able to look after it? Do you forbid me the provision which Allaah has provided me?' "Ahban added, "I clapped my hands and said, 'By Allaah, I have never seen anything more curious and wonderful than this!' On that the wolf said, 'There is something (more curious) and wonderful than this; that is, the Messenger of Allaah in those palm trees, inviting people to Allaah (i.e. Islam). Then Ahbaan went to the Messenger of Allaah and informed him what happened and embraced Islam." 108

A nation was guided on the hands of the hoopoe:

Can the hoopoe have a protective jealousy towards Laa 'ilaaha

illallaah (there is no deity except Allaah) and the Oneness of Allaah The Almighty?

The Hoopoe felt sad that other than Allaah The Almighty is worshiped and felt pain that bowing and prostration may be ascribed to other than Allaah The Almighty. So look at his high determination and listen carefully to his strong and serious tone while he is speaking to Prophet Sulaimaan (Solomon), peace be upon him, about the people of Sheba (Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf):

{But the hoopoe stayed not long and said, "I have encompassed [in knowledge] that which you have not encompassed, and I have come to you from Sheba with certain news. Indeed, I found [there] a woman ruling them, and she has been given of all things, and she has a great throne. I found her and her people prostrating to the sun instead of Allaah , and Satan has made their deeds pleasing to them and averted them from [His] way, so they are not guided, [And] so they do not prostrate to Allaah , who brings forth what is hidden within the heavens and the earth and knows what you conceal and what you declare - Allaah - there is no deity except Him, Lord of the Great Throne.} [An-Naml: 22-26]

All creatures love the callers to Allaah The Almighty:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Umaamah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah, His angels, and the inhabitants of heaven and earth, even the ant in its hole and even the fish, send blessings – i.e., pray for good – upon the one who teaches the people good." [Reported by At-Tirmithi and said: Hasan (good) Hadeeth] and in another narration, the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "And the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth pray for forgiveness for the scholar, even the fish in the sea," [Reported by Abu Daawood and At-Tirmithi]

Ants are a nation that glorifies Allaah The Almighty:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that he heard the Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, saying: "An ant had bitten a prophet (one amongst the earlier Prophets). So the prophet ordered that the place of the ants be burnt. So, Allaah inspired to him, 'It is because one ant bit you that you burnt a community from amongst the communities that glorify Allaah?'"¹⁰⁹

The best one is who bore witness that “Laa ‘ilaaha illa Allaah (there is no deity except Allaah).”

Allaah The Almighty, His Angels and those of knowledge:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Allaah witnesses that there is no deity except Him, and [so do] the angels and those of knowledge - [that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.} [Aal-‘Imraan: 18]

The most evil one who bore witness of it:

This is a witness from the god of “the falsehood to the god of the truth.” It is the witness of the one who said: “I have not known you to have a god other than me.” It is an acknowledgement from Fir‘awn (pharaoh) which we present to every tyrant and arrogant pharaoh in every time and in every place. So let them listen to their leader when he acknowledges monotheism and looks at their ideal when he submits to the Lord of the whole universe and Lord of all slaves in a situation which no kingdom, crown or soldiers can avail.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh and his soldiers pursued them in tyranny and enmity until, when drowning overtook him, he said, “I believe that there is no deity except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of the Muslims.” Now? And you had disobeyed [Him] before and were of the corrupters? So today We will save you in body that you may be to those who succeed you a sign. And indeed, many among the people, of Our signs, are heedless.} [Yoonus: 90-92]

God, exalted and glorified be He:

The greatest proof in the religion speaks about God:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to Ubay ibn Ka'b, may Allaah be pleased with him: "Which is the greatest Ayah (verse) in the Book of Allaah." Ubayy said, Allaahu la ilaha illa Huwal-Hayyul-Qayyoom. (Allaah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence).'" He said: "Thereupon the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, struck me on my breast and said, By Allaah, congratulations for having knowledge, O Abu Al-Munthir!"¹¹⁰

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Allaah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence.} [Al-Baqarah: 255]

He The Almighty also says:

{And it is Allaah who is [the only] deity in the heaven, and on the earth [the only] deity. And He is the Wise, the Knowing.} [Az-Zukhruf: 84]

It was also reported in the honorable Hadeeth that Khubayb ibn 'Adi, may Allaah be pleased with him, sacrificed his soul for the Sake of the God The Almighty. Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, narrated that when the infidels of Quraish were about to kill Khubayb ibn 'Adi, may Allaah be pleased with him,

he recited the following poetic verse:

I am being martyred as a Muslim,
Do not mind how I am killed in Allaah's Cause,
For my killing is for Allaah's Sake, And if Allaah wishes,
He will bless the amputated parts of a torn body.¹¹¹

110 Reported by Muslim (810).

111 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

The meaning of “Laa ‘ilaaha illallaah (there is no deity except Allaah)”

Linguistic meaning:

Raaghib Al-Asfahaani said: God is the one who is worshiped.¹¹²

It was also said that its Arabic root refer to the one who is deemed god for the whole universe which is created. This can be done by the means of subjection only such as what is done to the inanimate beings and animals, or by both means of subjection and giving some will such as what is done to some people and so on. Some of the wise men said: Allaah The Almighty is the beloved One to all creatures and this was proved in the words of Allaah The Almighty:

{And there is not a thing except that it exalts [Allah] by His praise, but you do not understand their [way of] exalting. Indeed, He is ever Forbearing and Forgiving.} [Al-Israa': 44] 113

Az-Zajaaj said: It means that He is the one who truly deserves worship and that all of the creatures should worship Him.¹¹⁴

Linguists said: It is used in Arabic with the object form referring to the one Who is worshiped.¹¹⁵

The disbelievers have taken the idols as gods for they believed that they deserve worship.

112 *Mufradaat Al-Faath Al-Quraan* by Al-Asfahaani (82-83).

113 *Ibid*

114 *Ishtiqaaq Al-Asmaa'* by Az-Zajaaj (p.24).

115 *Taaaj Al-'Aroos* (p. 9).

Who is God?

God is the One Who is loved, worshipped and obeyed.

Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: The Name of Allaah shows that He (Allaah) is Who to be idolized and worshipped. Deified by all creations with full of love, glorification, submissiveness and seeking refuge with Him in all desires and calamities that befallen them."¹¹⁶

He also said: "Whoever's heart managed to contain the witness of the divinity and fulfilled its right of worship which is based on perfect love, perfect humility and veneration, fulfilled the conditions of the worship, then he will be fully sufficient with the right God and will become one of the richest slaves as if he is saying: I became fully sufficient, without having any wealth, away from all people,

The rich is he who feels no need to anything, but not by having it.

How a great rich person! How important and noble status he has, before whom all other kingdoms dwindled¹¹⁷

Abu 'Abdullaah Al-Qurtubi, may Allaah have mercy upon him, mentioned in his Tafseer (exegesis of the Quran): Laa 'ilaaha illa lallaah (there is no deity except Allaah) means there is none that should be rightfully worshipped except Allaah The Almighty.

Sheykh Al-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "God" is the One Who is worshipped and obeyed. The God is the One Who is loved and is truly worthy of worship."¹¹⁸

He also says: "God is the One Who is loved and worshipped, Whom hearts love, to Whom they submit, before Whom they humble themselves, Whom they fear and hope, to Whom they

116 *Madaarij As-Saalikeen* (1/32).

117 *Tareeq Al-Hijratayn* p. 68.

118 *Majmoo' Fatawa* by Ibn Taymiyyah (10/249)

turn at times of difficulty, calling upon Him with regard to their concerns, putting their trust in Him with regard to their interests, seeking refuge in Him, finding tranquility in the remembrance of Him and peace of mind in love for Him. That is only for Allaah, therefore the phrase Laa ilaaha illallaah (there is no god except Allaah) is the most truthful of speeches. Those who believe in this are the people of Allaah and His Party, and those who deny it are His enemies who are subject to His wrath and vengeance. If a person gets this right his entire situation will be good, and if he fails to achieve this then his knowledge and actions will inevitably be corrupt."¹¹⁹

Ibn Rajab, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "The word Il-laaah (i.e. God) means the One Who is obeyed and not defied, out of one's sense of awe and reverence, love, fear, and hope, placing ones trust in Him, asking Him and supplicating Him alone. And all of these are invalid except for Allaah [alone]. So, whoever directs any of these matters (which are the rights of Allaah) to a created being has detracted from the sincerity of his statement La ilaaha illallaah. And he has worshipped that created being to the extent he directed those matters towards it."¹²⁰

Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said:

Worship of Ar-Rahmaan is the utmost love of Him,
Along with the worshipper's humility; they are its two pillars.

This is based on the command– the command of His Messenger,
Not by the desire, soul and devil

The right of the God is to be worshipped by obeying His commands,

119 *Majmoo' Fatawa by Ibn Tayyimiyyah (13/202)*

120 Ibn Rajab: '*Kalimat Al-Ikhlaas*'.

Not by the desires of souls for this is the way of the devil.

Without associating others with Him,
This is the way of salvation and the best two causes.

No one is saved from the anger of the God and His Hellfire,
Except the one who meet both conditions.

And the people other than that group associate others with their
God,
Or are innovators or combine both attributes.¹²¹

121 An-Nooniyah by Ibn Al-Qayyim.

Amongst the virtues of Laa ilaaha illa Allaah (there is no god but Allaah)

Knowing Allaah The Almighty is the best branch of knowledge. Oneness of Allaah The Almighty is the best action and every beneficial and good thing is just a fruit of it.

Amongst them are:

1. Making property and blood sacred[i.e., it is forbidden to seize his property or shed his blood]:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever says Laa ilaaha illallaah and rejects everything that is worshipped instead of Allaah, his property and his blood will be sacred and his reckoning will be with Allaah."¹²²

2. Entering Paradise:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever dies knowing that there is no god except Allaah will enter Paradise."¹²³

He, peace and blessings be upon him, also said: "None will enter paradise except a believer soul."¹²⁴

3. Allaah The Almighty will make the Hellfire forbidden for him.

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: No one testifies that there is no god except Allaah and that I am the Messenger of Allaah will enter the Hellfire or consume him."¹²⁵

And in another narration, he, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whosoever testifies that there is no god except Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah, Allaah

122 Reported by Muslim (23).

123 Reported by Muslim (26).

124 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

125 Reported by Muslim (54).

will make the Hellfire forbidden for him."¹²⁶

4. One will be brought forth from of the Hellfire because of saying and believing in it:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever says Laa ilaaha illallaah and has barley grain's weight of goodness in his heart will be brought forth from the Hellfire. Then whoever says, "Laa ilaaha illallaah" and has a wheat grain's weight of goodness in his heart will be brought forth from the Hellfire. Then whoever says: Laa ilaaha illallaah and has an atom's-weight of goodness in his heart will be brought forth from the Hellfire."¹²⁷

5. Those who worship Allaah The Almighty alone will be benefited from the deeds of their offspring:

'Amr ibn Shu'yab narrated from his father from his grandfather that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to 'Amr ibn Al-'Aas, may Allaah be pleased with him: As for your father, if he was to establish and confirm Tawheed (monotheism) and you fasted and gave charity on his behalf, then it would have benefited him."¹²⁸

6. Laa ilaaha illallaah is the heaviest thing in the Balance:

It was narrated on the authority of 'Abdullaah ibn 'Amr, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "A man will be brought forth in the presence of all creatures on the Day of Resurrection and will spread ninety-nine scrolls for him, each scroll extending as far as the eye can see. Then it will be said, 'Do you object to anything in this? He will say, 'No, my Lord.' Then it will be said, 'Do

126 Reported by Muslim (47) on the authority of 'Ubaadah ibn As-Saamit. may Allaah be pleased with him

127 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

128 Reported by Ahmad (2/182), Hadeeth no. (6704), Sheykh Ahmad Shaakir said: It has a sound chain of transmission and it is in the *Majma' Az-Zwaa'id* (4/192).

you have any excuse or a reward (missed)?' He will be awed and then say, 'No my Lord.' Allaah will say, 'On the contrary, you have with Us a good deed, and you will not be wronged this Day.' A slip of paper will then be brought out, on which are the words 'Ashhadu an laa ilaaha illallaah wa ashhadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa rasooluhu (I bear witness that there is no god but Allaah, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger). The man will say, 'O Lord, what is this slip of paper in comparison to these scrolls?' And He will reply, 'You will not be wronged.' The scrolls will then be put in one side of the Balance and the slip of paper in the other, and the scrolls will become light and the slip of paper heavy."¹²⁹

7. One will be among the most blessed by the intercession:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The people who will be most blessed by my intercession on the Day of Resurrection are those who say Laa ilaaha illallaah sincerely from the heart."¹³⁰

8. Those who worship Allaah The Almighty alone are the intercessors in the worldly life and Hereafter:

It was narrated on the authority of Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "There is no Muslim who dies and forty men who associate nothing with Allaah pray the funeral prayer for him, but Allaah will accept their intercession for him."¹³¹

9. Acceptance of deeds:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah does not accept any deed except

129 Reported by At-Tirmithi, the book of *Al-Imaan* (2641), Ahmad in *Al-Musnad* (2/213), Ibn Maajah in *Az-Zuhd* no. (4300), Sheykh Ahmad Shaakir said in his comment on *Al-Musnad* (1994): It has a sound chain of transmission.

130 Reported by Al-Bukhaari in *Al-Fat-h* (1/99).

131 Reported by Muslim (948).

that which is done only for Him and to seek His Countenance."¹³²
Allaah The Almighty says in Al-Qudsi Hadeeth: "I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus he who does an action for someone else's sake as well as Mine will have that action renounced by Me to him whom he associated with Me."¹³³

Moreover, Allaah The Almighty says:

{So whoever would hope for the meeting with his Lord - let him do righteous work and not associate in the worship of his Lord anyone.} [Al-Kahf: 110]

Yahya ibn Katheer said: These are the two basic features of acceptable deeds: To be correct and their intent is for the sake of Allaah alone. It was said: How they can be correct? He said: To be done in accordance with the way of the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him.

10. Forgiveness:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Indeed, Allaah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills.} [An-Nisaa': 48]

It was also narrated on the authority of Anas, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: 'Allaah The Almighty says: "O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great as it."¹³⁴

11. Whoever abides by the requirements of 'laa ilaaha illallaah' will enter paradise without being brought to account or being punished:

132 Reported by An-Nasaa'i with a good chain of transmission.

133 Reported by Muslim.

134 Reported by At-Tirmithi in 'Al-Jaami'' No. (3534) and said: Hasan Ghareeb (good and strange) Hadeeth. It was also reported by Ahmad in *Al-Musnad* (5/172-154) and it has a witness with Muslim on the authority of Abu Tharr in "As-Saheeh" No. (2687).

It was narrated that the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Seventy thousand of my nation will enter Paradise without being brought to account. They are the ones who do not seek Ruqyah¹³⁵ and do not believe in bad omens; they put their trust in their Lord..."¹³⁶

And in another narration, he, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "They are the ones who do not believe in bad omens, do not seek Ruqyah (from others) and do not use branding (in curing diseases); they put their trust in their Lord."¹³⁷

135 *Ruqyah* is an Arabic word referring to the legal incantation; to get oneself treated by the recitation of some verses of the Noble Quran. (Translator)

136 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (5991) *Ar-Riqaaq*.

137 Reported by Al-Bukhaari. Actually, scholars hold different opinions regarding the meaning of seeking Ruqyah; whether it is that contains religious prohibitions or what is meant is the general meaning i.e. the permissible and impermissible of it. Allaah The Almighty knows best.

Warning against Shirk (associating others with Allaah The Almighty)

If the reason behind which the whole universe was fashioned and the creatures were created is to worship Allaah The Almighty alone, then every good thing in the worldly life and the Hereafter is a fruit of such worship and every evil thing in the worldly life and Hereafter is the outcome of negligence of such worship.

Allaah The Almighty says: {And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.} [Ath-Thaariyaat: 56]

Worshiping Allaah The Almighty alone is the greatest thing that may please Allaah The Almighty from His creation while associating partners with Him is the gravest reason that may incur His anger and punishment. Allaah The Almighty says: {Inclining [only] to Allaah, not associating [anything] with Him. And he who associates with Allaah - it is as though he had fallen from the sky and was snatched by the birds or the wind carried him down into a remote place.} [Al-Hajj: 31]

Examples of the anger of the false deities for their divinity

- Fir'awn (pharaoh) refused to have another god with him. So he said (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {O eminent ones, I have not known you to have a god other than me.} [Al-Qasas: 38] He also became angry from the one who worshiped another god instead of him; even that god was Allaah The Almighty. Fir'awn said to the Prophet of Allaah Moosa, peace be upon him: {[Pharaoh] said, "If you take a god other than me, I will surely place you among those imprisoned."} [Ash-Shu'raa': 29]
- He says that while he is untruthful in his allegation and while he

is just one of the slaves of Allaah The Almighty, so what about the anger of the Lord of the all worlds, the god of the early and later generations regarding associating another god with or instead of Him!

- Here is the maker of the Al-Ukhdood (the trench in which he burnt the believers) who becomes angry with those who do not regard him as a god and becomes very furious towards the slaves of Allaah The Almighty who believed in Him alone, so he throw them in the fire of the worldly life while they are alive. So what about the punishment of Allaah The Almighty for those who associated other partners with Him The Almighty while He is the truthful God and all that are worshiped instead of Him are sheer false gods.

Shirk is the gravest sin ever:

It was narrated that Ibn Mas'ood, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: I said, O Messenger of Allaah! Which sin is worst before Allaah? He, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "To appoint a rival to Allaah, when He has created you."¹³⁸

Shirk will never be forgiven:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Indeed, Allaah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills.} [An-Nisaa': 48]

Allaah The Almighty does not accept the deeds of the polytheists:

Allaah The Almighty says: {If you should associate [anything]

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Reported by Al-Bukhaari, Muslim and Ahmad.

with Allaah, your work would surely become worthless, and you would surely be among the losers.} [Az-Zumar: 65]

The polytheists will abide in the Hellfire eternally:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Indeed, they who disbelieved among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists will be in the fire of Hell, abiding eternally therein. Those are the worst of creatures.} [Al-Bayinah: 6]

The polytheists will be deprived from sighting Allaah The Almighty:

As those disbelievers prevented their hearts from the light of guidance and Oneness of Allaah The Almighty, Allaah The Almighty will prevent them from sighting His Honorable Countenance.

Allaah The Almighty says: {No! Indeed, from their Lord, that Day, they will be partitioned.} [Al-Mutaffifeen: 15]

Allaah The Almighty will forget the polytheists:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, described the meeting of Allaah The Almighty to those who forget His meeting: "Allaah The Almighty will meet the slave and say: O so and so, have I not given you a spouse, honored you and subjected the camels and horses to you Have I not allowed you to be a chief and a master'" The servant will say in answer, "Yes, O Lord!" Allaah will say, "Did you think that you would ever meet Me'" He will say, "No.'" Allaah the Exalted will say, "then this Day, I will forget you as you forgot Me." [Reported by Muslim]

Abu 'Isa At-Tirmithi said: as for the meaning of His saying: "then this Day, I will forget you", it means that today I will leave you in

punishment. They have explained it in this way.

Allaah The Almighty says: {Who took their religion as distraction and amusement and whom the worldly life deluded." So today We will forget them just as they forgot the meeting of this Day of theirs and for having rejected Our verses.} [Al-A'raaf: 51]

The supplications of the disbelievers are not accepted:

Allaah The Almighty says: {And the supplication of the disbelievers is not but in error [i.e. futility].} [Ar-Ra'd: 14]

They will be deprived from entering Paradise forever:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Indeed, he who associates others with Allaah - Allaah has forbidden him Paradise, and his refuge is the Fire. And there are not for the wrongdoers any helpers.} [Al-Maa'idah: 72]

The disbelievers are the enemies of Allaah The Almighty:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Allaah is an enemy to the disbelievers.} [Al-Baqarah: 98]

Associating others with Allaah The Almighty is monstrous injustice:

Luqmaan said to his son (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {O my son, do not associate [anything] with Allaah. Indeed, association [with him] is great injustice.} [Luqmaan: 13]

Associating others with Allaah The Almighty is the greatest

reason of fear in the worldly life and Hereafter:

Allaah The Almighty says: {We will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve for what they have associated with Allaah of which He had not sent down [any] authority. And their refuge will be the Fire, and wretched is the residence of the wrongdoers. } [Aal-'Imraan: 151]

Associating others with Allaah The Almighty will remain the source of every evil and the preventer of every good. By associating others with Allaah The Almighty, nations were perished, villages were destroyed, kingdoms were crushed and kings were humiliated.

How many gods do you worship?

As for the disbelievers, they say (as Allaah says on their behalf):
{Has he made the gods [only] one God? Indeed, this is a curious thing.} [Saad: 5]

It was narrated on the authority of Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said to Abu Taalib: "O uncle, all I want from them is one word which, if they say it, the Arabs will become their followers and the non-Arabs will pay Jizyah (tribute tax) to them." They were worried about what he said, so they said, "One word Yes, by your father, (we will say) ten words! They added: "What word is it?" The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "(Laa ilaaha illallaah, there is not god but Allaah)." They stood up in agitation, brushing down their clothes, saying:

{Has he made the gods [only] one God? Indeed, this is a curious thing.} [Saad: 5]¹³⁹

As for the believers, they said:

{And We made firm their hearts when they stood up and said, "Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never will we invoke besides Him any deity.} [Al-Kahf: 14]

Negation then affirmation¹⁴⁰

Belief in the divinity of Allaah The Almighty has two important pillars:

First: Negating all the gods that are worshiped other than Allaah The Almighty and disbelieving in them all. That is the meaning of "Laa ilaaha"

Second: Affirming the divinity to Allaah The Almighty alone Who has not associate nor rival. That is the meaning of "Illa Allaah."

139 Reported by Ahmad, At-Tirmithi and An-Nasaa'i.

140 By Ibn Al-Qayyim who has insightful words in this regard in his valuable book entitled "Badaai' Al-Fawaa'id" (3/56).

For example: Al-Khaleel (intimate friend) Ibraaheem, those who followed him disassociated themselves from disbelief and its people, so they said to their people (as Allaah The Almighty says on their behalf):

{Indeed, we are disassociated from you and from whatever you worship other than Allaah. We have denied you, and there has appeared between us and you animosity and hatred forever until you believe in Allaah alone.} [Al-Mumtahanah: 4]

Another example: Allaah The Almighty says: {There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course has become clear from the wrong. So whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allaah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it. And Allaah is Hearing and Knowing.} [Al-Baqarah: 256]

Laa ilaaha illallaah (there is no god but Allaah); Why?

1. For He The Almighty is the creator alone and no one other than Him creates anything:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{That is Allaah, your Lord, Creator of all things; there is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?} [Ghaafir: 62]¹⁴¹
Ibn Khatheer said: It means the One Who does all of these things is Allaah, the One, the Unique, the Creator of all things, besides Whom there is no other god or lord. As for (**so how are you deluded?**), it means how can you worship idols which cannot create anything but are themselves hand-made and carved.¹⁴²

It was narrated that Ibn Mas'ood, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: I said, O Messenger of Allaah! Which sin is worst before Allaah? He, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "To appoint a rival to Allaah, when He has created you."¹⁴³

2. For He The Almighty is the Provider alone and no one else than Him can provide:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Indeed, it is Allaah who is the [continual] Provider, the firm possessor of strength.} [Ath-Thaariyaat: 58]

He The Almighty also says: {Is He [not best] who begins creation and then repeats it and who provides for you from the heaven and earth? Is there a deity with Allaah? Say, "produce

141 Contemplate the verses that follows this verse, you will find that your heart will cry before your eyes, longing to this Great God, acknowledging His bounties, submitting to this Generous Lord and loving His nearness. Allaah The Almighty says: **{It is Allaah who made for you the earth a place of settlement and the sky a ceiling and formed you and perfected your forms and provided you with good things. That is Allaah , your Lord; then blessed is Allaah , Lord of the worlds. He is the Ever-Living; there is no deity except Him, so call upon Him, [being] sincere to Him in religion. [All] praise is [due] to Allaah, Lord of the worlds.}** [Ghaafir: 64-65]

142 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (4/84).

143 Reported by Al-Bukhaari, Muslim and Ahmad.

your proof, if you should be truthful.} [An-Naml: 64]

He The Almighty also says: {O mankind, remember the favor of Allaah upon you. Is there any creator other than Allaah who provides for you from the heaven and earth? There is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?} [Faatir: 3]

Allaah The Almighty draw the attention of His worshipers to get the proofs of His Oneness and ascribing worship for Him alone for He The Almighty is only creator and provider and has no associate with him in that. If this is the case, so worship should be dedicated entirely for Him alone and nothing should be associated with him such as idols and rivals.¹⁴⁴

'Even the disbelievers, He The Almighty grants them provision and health.'

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Moosa, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "No one is more patient in bearing offensive things that he hears than Allaah, may He be glorified and exalted; others are associated with Him, a son is attributed to Him, but He still grants them health and provision."¹⁴⁵

3. For He The Almighty is the only King and no one else than Him owns anything:

Allaah The Almighty is the King whom no other king is above Him and no matter except it is under His Sovereignty.¹⁴⁶

Allaah The Almighty says about Himself: {He is Allaah, (other than Whom) there is no god except He. He is The King, The Superb Holy.} [Al-Hashr: 23]

He The Almighty also says: **{That is Allaah, your Lord; to Him belongs sovereignty.}** [Faatir: 13]

He The Almighty also says about others: {And those whom you invoke other than Him do not possess [as much as] the

144 An-Nahj Al-Asmaa (1/196).

145 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (6099-7378) and Muslim (2804).

146 An-Noor Al-Asna 'An Jaami' Al-Bayaan (28/36) with slight modification.

membrane of a date seed.} [Faatir: 13]

4. For benefit and harm are only determined by Allaah The Almighty alone.

Allaah The Almighty says: {And if Allaah should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him; and if He intends for you good, then there is no repeller of His bounty.} [Yoonus: 107]

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Be mindful of Allaah and He will protect you; be mindful of Allaah and you will find Him ever with you. If you ask anyone for anything, then ask Allaah; if you seek help from anyone, then seek help from Allaah. Know that even if the entire nation were to come together to benefit you in some way, they could not do so unless Allaah has decreed that for you, and if they were to gather together to harm you in some way, they could not do that unless Allaah has decreed that for you. The pens have been lifted and the pages have dried."¹⁴⁷

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Reported by At-Tirmithi and said: Hasan Saheeh (good and authentic) Hadeeth.

“So know that there is no god but Allaah” None is truly worthy of worship except Allaah

He is only one God:

1. Worship is entirely a right for Allaah The Almighty Alone:

It was narrated on the authority of Mu'aath ibn Jabal, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said to him: «Do you know what is Allaah's right on His slaves?» I replied, «Allaah and His Messenger know better.» He said, «Allaah's right on His slaves is that they should worship Him and not worship anything besides Him.» He then said, «Do you know what is (Allaah's) slaves' (people's) right on Allaah if they did that?» I replied, «Allaah and His Messenger know better.» He said, «The right of (Allaah's) slaves on Allaah is that He should not punish them (if they did that).»¹⁴⁸

2. Love belongs wholly to Allaah The Almighty Alone¹⁴⁹:

God is the greatest beloved one by the heart and soul. He is the only truthful worshiped One by the body and the tongue: Allaah The Almighty is truly worthy of the saying of the poet:
I love the One whom I cannot be blamed for his love,
And you have loved instead of Him those who are full of shortcomings.

Allaah The Almighty says:

148 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (10/5967).

149 Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: love of Allaah The Almighty has four conditions:

- 1- It should be from the kind of worship that is accompanied with humiliation, submissiveness, fear and obedience.
- 2- Such kind of love should be dedicated entirely for Allaah The Almighty alone and no atom's weight of it can be ascribed to others than Him.
- 3- Loving nothing other than Him except for His sake.
- 4- Hating what separates him from Allaah The Almighty and belief in Him. He also should hate the most abhorrent thing He has; the Hellfire.

{And [yet], among the people are those who take other than Allaah as equals [to Him]. They love them as they [should] love Allaah.} [Al-Baqarah: 165]

Love should also be for the sake of Allaah The Almighty alone. It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will taste the sweetness of faith: "The one to whom Allaah and His Messenger become dearer than anything else, who loves a person and he loves him only for Allaah's sake and who hates to revert to disbelief (Atheism) after Allaah has brought (saved) him out from it, as he hates to be thrown in fire."¹⁵⁰

3. Fear should be from Allaah The Almighty alone:

Benefit and harm, giving and withholding, and reward and punishment are all only determined by Allaah The Almighty alone. Therefore, fear from missing good or having harm should be from Allaah The Almighty alone. Simply because other than Him can harm or benefit nothing even for the least. Allaah The Almighty says:

{[Allaah praises] those who convey the messages of Allaah and fear Him and do not fear anyone but Allaah . And sufficient is Allaah as Accountant.} [Al-Ahzaab: 39]

Allaah The Almighty also says:

{The mosques of Allaah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allaah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakah and do not fear except Allaah , for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided.} [At-Tawbah: 18]

4. Du'aa' (supplication) should be dedicated for Allaah The Almighty alone:

No one can answer the supplications of the needy except Allaah The Almighty and no one responds to the desperate except Him. So whoever is invoked apart from Allaah The Al-

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Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim.

mighty does not possess anything for the one who invoked him and does not hear his supplication and even if he heard him, in no way he would respond to him.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And those whom you invoke other than Him do not possess [as much as] the membrane of a date seed. If you invoke them, they do not hear your supplication; and if they heard, they would not respond to you. And on the Day of Resurrection they will deny your association. And none can inform you like [one] Acquainted [with all matters].} [Faatir: 13-14]

Allaah The Almighty also says:

{Say, [O Muhammad], "I only invoke my Lord and do not associate with Him anyone.} [Al-Jinn: 20]

Ibraaheem, peace be upon him, said to his people (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf):

{And I will leave you and those you invoke other than Allaah and will invoke my Lord. I expect that I will not be in invocation to my Lord unhappy.} [Maryam: 48]

5. Mosques are for Allaah The Almighty alone:

Mosques are the houses of Allaah The Almighty. They are built for the remembrance and worship of Allaah The Almighty. So how other than Him The Exalted can be invoked and sought in them?

Allaah The Almighty says:

{And [He revealed] that the masjids are for Allaah, so do not invoke with Allaah anyone.} [Al-Jinn: 18]

6. Prayers and sacrifice should be done for the sake of Allaah The Almighty alone:

Allaah The Almighty created man and created for him cattle. The blessings of Allaah The Almighty can only be responded to by giving thanks and appreciation. Amongst the forms of appreciation that one can give to Allaah The Almighty are

that worship and prayer should be ascribed for Allaah The Almighty alone. As for giving thanks for the cattle, they should be slaughtered for and by mentioning the name of Allaah The Almighty alone on it.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{So pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone].} [Al-Kawthar: 2]

This is exactly what Al-Ahnaaf (those who were on the religion of Ibraaheem) used to do.

It was narrated that Zaid ibn 'Amr ibn Nufail, who was one of Al-Ahnaaf, said to the disbelievers: "I do not eat anything which you slaughter in the name of your stone idols. I eat none but those things on which Allaah's Name has been mentioned at the time of slaughtering. He used also to say to them: "Allaah has created the sheep and He has sent the water for it from the sky, and He has grown the grass for it from the earth; yet you slaughter it in other than the Name of Allaah The Almighty. He used to say so, for he rejected that practice and considered it as something abominable."¹⁵¹

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "May Allaah curse those who offer sacrifices to anything other than Allaah." [Reported by Muslim]

7. Seeking refuge is to be from Allaah The Almighty alone:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of mankind, The Sovereign of mankind. God of mankind."} [An-Naas: 1-3]

Whoever seeks refuge from other than Allaah The Almighty will be increased nothing except worry, grief and distress. Allaah The Almighty says:

{And there were men from mankind who sought refuge in men from the jinn, so they [only] increased them in burden.} [Al-Jinn: 6]

151 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3826).

8. One is to call upon Allaah The Almighty alone:

At the time of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, there was a hypocrite who rendered so much harm to the companions so that some of them summoned the others to seek the help of the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, against him. Upon that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "No man may call upon me. Only Allaah is worthy of being called upon."¹⁵²

9. Seeking help is to be from Allaah The Almighty alone:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "If you ask anyone for anything, then ask Allaah; if you seek help from anyone, then seek help from Allaah."¹⁵³

Allaah The Almighty says:

{It is You we worship and You we ask for help.} [Al-Faatihah: 5]

10. Tawassul (seeking to draw close) is to be for Allaah The Almighty Alone:

Allaah The Almighty says: {O you who have believed, fear Allaah and seek the means [of nearness] to Him and strive in His cause that you may succeed.} [Al-Maa'edah: 35]

It was narrated that Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: "Al-Waseelah is the means of approach."¹⁵⁴

It was also narrated that Qataadah said: "It means seeking the means of approach to Him by obeying Him and performing the acts that please Him."¹⁵⁵

152 At-Tabaraani in "Al-Mu'jam Al-Kabeer" as in Majma' Az-Zawaa'id (10/159) and said: Its chain of narrators meets the criteria of the Two Saheehs, but not Ibn Lahee'ah whose Hadeeth is Hasan (good), and reported also by Ahmad in Al-Musnad (2/317). Ibn Taymiyyah said in "Al-Istighaathah" (152): It can be supported and its meaning was indicated in the Book and Sunnah.

153 Reported by At-Tirmithi and said: Hasan Saheeh (good and authentic) Hadeeth.

154 Tafseer Ibn Khatheer (5/2).

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Ibn Katheer said: "It is a means of approach to achieve something."¹⁵⁶

Tawassul to Allaah The Almighty are of three types:

Firstly, seeking to draw close to Allaah The Almighty by means of His Names and Attributes for they are the best elements of answering supplications.

For example: The saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "O Ever Living One, O Eternal One, by Your mercy I call on You to set right all my affairs..."¹⁵⁷

Another example is the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "O Allaah, You are forgiving and love forgiveness, so forgive me."¹⁵⁸

Secondly, seeking to draw close to Allaah through righteous deeds:

It is permissible as a way of worshiping Allaah The Almighty and one can draw close to Him through it.

For example, seeking to draw close to Allaah through Imaan (faith):

Such as the saying of the believers (as Allaah The Almighty says on their behalf):

{Our Lord!, we have believed, so, forgive us and have mercy upon us, and You are the Best of the merciful.} [Al-Mu'minoon: 109]

And such as their saying:

{Our Lord, indeed we have heard a caller calling to faith, [saying], 'Believe in your Lord,' and we have believed. Our Lord, so forgive us our sins and remove from us our misdeeds and cause us to die with the righteous.} {Aal-'Imraan: 193}

Another example: seeking to draw close to Allaah through sincerity in the righteous deeds:

156 Tafseer Ibn Khatheer (5/2).

157 Reported by An-Nasaa'i in 'Amal Al-Yawm wal Laylah (570), Ibn As-Sunni in 'Amal Al-Yawm wal Laylah (48) and Al-Haakim said: Its chain of narrators meets the criteria of the Two Saheehs and Ath-Thahabi agreed upon that with him.

158 Reported by Ahmad, At-Tirmithi and others. Refer to Saheeh Jaami' At-Tirmithi (2789).

It is very clear in the Hadeeth of the three people who entered a cave, and a rock fell and blocked their way out. So they said: "Nothing could save you from this rock but to invoke Allaah The Almighty by giving reference to the righteous deed which you have done (for Allaah's sake only)."

Therefore, the first made Tawassul by referring to his dutifulness to his parents, the next made Tawassul by referring to him refraining from committing prohibited action, and the third made Tawassul by referring to his safekeeping of trusts and render back rights to their owners. Everyone of them used to say: "O Allaah! If I did that for Your Sake only, please relieve us from the present suffering." So, that rock shifted completely and they got out walking. [Al-Bukhaari and Muslim]

Thirdly, seeking to draw close to Allaah by seeking supplication from righteous living person:

For example: The companions, may Allaah be pleased with them, asked the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, to supplicate for them during his life. Amongst that are:

It was reported by Al-Bukhaari in the Hadeeth of the seventy thousand that will enter Paradise without being brought to account. 'Ukhaashah ibn Mihsan stood up and said, 'Pray to Allaah to make me one of them!' He, peace and blessings be upon him, said: 'O Allaah, make him one of them.' and in another narration the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "You are of them."

Also the woman that was suffering from epilepsy and becoming uncovered, she said to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "Pray to Allaah that I will not become uncovered." So he prayed for her." [Al-Bukhaari and Muslim]

Another example, it was narrated on the authority of 'Umar, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: The best amongst the successors would be a person who would be called Uwais. He would have his mother (living with him) and he would have (a small)

sign of leprosy. Ask him to beg pardon for you (from Allaah).
[Reported by Muslim]

11. Decree and judgment are for Allaah The Almighty alone:

Decree of Allaah The Almighty is the most just decree and His judgment is the greatest judgment. His decree is free from any form of injustice and high above any form of oppression. Allaah The Almighty says:

{Indeed, Allaah does not do injustice, [even] as much as an atom's weight.} [An-Nisaa': 40]

Therefore, Yoosuf, peace be upon him, said (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {Legislation is not but for Allaah . He has commanded that you worship not except Him. That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know.} [Yoosuf: 40]

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah is the Judge (Al-Hakam) and to Him alone Judgment belongs."¹⁵⁹

So whoever knows the wisdom of Allaah The Almighty in His decrees, the mercy of Allaah The Almighty in His judgment and the justice of Allaah The Almighty in His religion, he cannot help but refer to Him alone in judgments.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allaah and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair.} [Al-Ahzaab: 36]

159 Reported by Al-Bukhaari in *Al-Adab Al-Mufrad* (811), Abu Daawood (4955) and refer to *Saheeh Sunan Abu Daawood* (4145).

12. Dedicating religion wholly for Allaah The Almighty alone:

O you, those who go to the houses of Allaah The Almighty to call upon others than Allaah The Almighty, seek blessings in graves and shrines of the dead and sacrifice for them! Do you not listen to the words of Allaah The Almighty:

{And that you maintain yourselves [in worship of Him] at every place [or time] of prostration, and invoke Him, sincere to Him in religion." Just as He originated you, you will return [to life]} [Al-A'raaf: 29]

He The Almighty also says:

{So worship Allaah, [being] sincere to Him in religion. Unquestionably, for Allaah is the pure religion.} [Az-Zumar: 2-3]

He The Almighty also says:

{And they were not commanded except to worship Allaah , [being] sincere to Him in religion, inclining to truth, and to establish prayer and to give zakah. And that is the correct religion.} [Al-Bayyinah: 5]

13. Seeking reward from Allaah The Almighty alone:

It was narrated in the Al-Qudsi Hadeeth that Allaah The Almighty says: "I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus he who does an action for the sake of someone else as well as for My sake will have that action rejected by Me to the one whom he associated with Me."¹⁶⁰

And in another narration: He The Exalted: "...thus he who does an action for the sake of someone else as well as for My sake,

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Reported by Muslim.

I will disassociate Myself from him and leave him to the one whom he associated (with Me)."¹⁶¹

14. Swearing should be by Allaah The Almighty alone:

It was narrated on the authority of 'Umar ibn Al-Khattaab, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever swears by anything other than Allaah has committed Kufr or Shirk."¹⁶²

15. Even life and death is for Allaah The Almighty alone:

Allaah The Almighty says:

{Say, "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allaah, Lord of the worlds. No partner has He. And this I have been commanded and I am the first [among you] of the Muslims.} [Al-An'aam: 162-163]

Allaah The Almighty created the live and death.

Allaah The Almighty says:

{[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving.} [Al-Mulk: 2]

So life should be entirely for Allaah The Almighty on the religion and command of Him The Almighty. Also, death should be entirely for Allaah The Almighty such as being martyred in the way of Allaah The Almighty, or dying on Islam while you are worshiping Allaah The Almighty alone.

Allaah The Almighty says:

161 Reported by Ibn Maajah.

162 Reported by At-Tirmithi and deemed it Hasan (good) and Al-Haakim deemed it Saheeh (authentic).

{O you who have believed, fear Allaah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him].}
[Aal-'Imraan: 102]

“Is there a deity with Allaah?”

There is nothing like unto Him In His divinity

Is there any deity other than Allaah can be worshiped,

Is there any deity other than Allaah can be thanked?

1. All the deities that are worshiped instead of Allaah The Almighty are created and Allaah The Almighty is the Creator alone:

Allaah The Almighty says: {And those they invoke other than Allaah create nothing, and they [themselves] are created. They are, [in fact], dead, not alive.} [An-Nahl: 20-21]

He The Almighty says also: {And landmarks. And by the stars they are [also] guided.} [An-Nahl: 16]

He The Almighty says also: {But they have taken besides Him gods which create nothing, while they are created, and possess not for themselves any harm or benefit and possess not [power to cause] death or life or resurrection.} [Al-Furqaan: 3]

He The Almighty says also: {Or have they attributed to Allaah partners who created like His creation so that the creation [of each] seemed similar to them?" Say, "Allaah is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, the Prevailing."} [Ar-Ra'd: 16]

Scholars of Tafseer said: This verse contain a kind of rebuking and chastising the disbelievers for they worshiped besides Allaah The Almighty what creates nothing, while they are created. The created being can be in no way a partner with the creator in the worship for which He created them.¹⁶³

Therefore, the greatest and worst sin is that the created being is made a rival for the Creator The Almighty.

It was narrated that Ibn Mas'ood, may Allaah be pleased with

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Fat-h Al-Majeed (explanation of 'Abdur-Rahmaan ibn Hasan Aal Ash-Sheykh p. 174).

him, said: I said, O Messenger of Allaah! Which sin is worst before Allaah? He, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "To appoint a rival to Allaah, when He has created you."¹⁶⁴

Glory be to Allaah The Almighty! What a great God? Everything is of His creation and invention. Therefore, Al-Khaaleel Ibraaheem, peace be upon him said (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allaah.} [Al-An'aam: 79]

How good is the poet who says!

Behold the gardens of the earth, and consider the emblems of those things which Divine power has formed,

Eyes of silver (i.e. daisies) with pupils like molten gold,

United to an emerald stalk disclose that there is no partner with Allaah.

Another one said:

How could anyone disobey God or how could anyone deny Him

When God has a sign in everything that exists to point to His Oneness?

2. All gods other than Allaah The Almighty are separate and quarreling¹⁶⁵:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Are separate lords better or Allaah

164 Reported by Al-Bukhaari, Muslim and Ahmad.

165 Look at the Greeks and the gods that they worshiped instead of Allaah The Almighty and their numerous numbers. They have a god for everything. For example, the god of love called "Cupid" while "Venus" is the god of beauty, "Atlantic" is the god of seas and oceans and therefore the Atlantic Ocean was named after it and "Olympic" is the god of mountains. Some of them are stronger than the others. Wars broke out between them and the strong gods destroy the weak ones and so on. All of such things are just out of their imaginations and inspirations of their devils for which Allaah The Almighty has sent down no authority.

, the One, the Prevailing? } [Yoosuf: 39]

He The Almighty also says: **{Allaah presents an example: a slave owned by quarreling partners and another belonging exclusively to one man - are they equal in comparison? Praise be to Allaah ! But most of them do not know.}** [Az-Zumar: 29]

3. Gods that eat, drink and give birth:

Allaah The Almighty says: {The Messiah, son of Mary, was not but a messenger; [other] messengers have passed on before him. And his mother was a supporter of truth. They both used to eat food. Look how We make clear to them the signs; then look how they are deluded.} [Al-Maa'idah: 75]

Ibn Katheer said: Needing nourishment and to relieve the call of nature. Therefore, they are just servants like other servants, not gods as ignorant Christian sects claim.¹⁶⁶

4. How a great patience Allaah The Almighty shows towards them!

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Moosa, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "No one is more patient in bearing offensive things that he hears than Allaah, may He be glorified and exalted; others are associated with Him, a son is attributed to Him, but He still grants them health and provision."¹⁶⁷

5. Gods that are Poor and bankrupt:

Allaah The Almighty says: {He causes the night to enter the day, and He causes the day to enter the night and has subjected the sun and the moon - each running [its course] for a specified term. That is Allaah, your Lord; to Him belongs sovereignty. And those whom you invoke other than Him do

166 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (v.2).

167 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (6099-7378) and Muslim (2804).

not possess [as much as] the membrane of a date seed. If you invoke them, they do not hear your supplication; and if they heard, they would not respond to you. And on the Day of Resurrection they will deny your association. And none can inform you like [one] Acquainted [with all matters].} [Faatir: 13-14]

6. Gods that are themselves slaves to Allaah The Almighty:

Allaah The Almighty says: **{Indeed, those you [polytheists] call upon besides Allaah are servants like you. So call upon them and let them respond to you, if you should be truthful.}** [Al-A'raaf: 194]

7. Gods that sleep and die:

Allaah The Almighty says about the false deities: {And those they invoke other than Allaah create nothing, and they [themselves] are created. They are, [in fact], dead, not alive.} [An-Nahl 20-21]

Allaah The Almighty says about Himself: {Allaah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence.} [Al-Baqarah: 255]

He The Almighty also says other than Him: {Everyone upon the earth will perish.} [Ar-Rahmaan: 26]

He The Almighty also says: {Every soul will taste death.} [Aal-'Imraan: 185]

Where is Fir'aawn (pharaoh) who used to say (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {I have not known you to have a god other than me.} [Al-Qasas: 38], where is An-Namrood who said (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {I give life and cause death.} [Al-Baqarah: 258] Rather, where is the one who made Al-Ukhduud (Trench) and said to the one who

believed in Allaah The Almighty: "Do you have another Lord beside me?"

They are as the poet has said:

An irrevocable decree overcame them all so that they passed away and the people came to be as though they had never existed.

And another one said:

Then such years and their people came to an end as if they all are just dreams.

Allaah The Almighty says: **{And do not invoke with Allaah another deity. There is no deity except Him. Everything will be destroyed except His Face. His is the judgment, and to Him you will be returned.}** [Al-Qasas: 88]

8. All gods other than Allaah The Almighty are falsehood:

Allaah The Almighty says: {That is because Allaah is the Truth and because He gives life to the dead and because He is over all things competent.} [Al-Hajj: 6]

He The Almighty also says: {That is because Allaah is the Truth, and that which they call upon other than Him is falsehood.} [Al-Hajj: 62]

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The most true words said by a poet was the words of Labeed." He said, Verily, Everything except Allaah is perishable."¹⁶⁸

9. Gods worshiped are weaker than the flies:

Allaah The Almighty also says: **{O people, an example is presented, so listen to it. Indeed, those you invoke besides Allaah will never create [as much as] a fly, even if they gathered together for that purpose. And if the fly should steal away from**

them a [tiny] thing, they could not recover it from him. Weak are the pursuer and pursued.}¹⁶⁹ [Al-Hajj: 73]

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Allaah The Almighty says: Who does greater wrong than one who tries to creates something like My creation? Let them create an ant, let them create a seed or grain of barley!"¹⁷⁰

And in another narration reported by Imaam Ahmad: "Let them create an ant or a fly or a seed like My creation!"¹⁷¹

Ibn Katheer said: They are unable to create a single fly and, moreover, they are unable to resist it or take revenge against it if it were to take anything from the good and perfumed thing on which it lands. If they wanted to recover that, they would not be able to, even though the fly is the weakest and most insignificant of Allaah's creatures. Therefore, Allaah The Almighty says: {Weak are the pursuer and pursued.}¹⁷² [Al-Hajj: 73]

10. Gods that do not hear, do not see, do not benefit and do not harm:

Ibraaheem, peace be upon him, said to his father (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {"O my father, why do you worship that which does not hear and does not see and will not benefit you at all?} [Mariam: 42]

169 It was discovered recently that if fly takes something from the blood of the human being or from anything else, no one can be able to take it from its mouth for it digests it immediately after it takes it and before it descends to its stomach. Therefore, Allaah The Almighty is Truthful when He says: {**And if the fly should steal away from them a [tiny] thing, they could not recover it from him. Weak are the pursuer and pursued.**} [Al-Hajj: 73]

170 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (7559).

171 Reported by Ahmad on the authority of Abu Hurairah as a Marfoo' (traceable) Hadeeth (3972).

172 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (2/225).

11. Gods that are made by the hands of their worshipers:

Ibraaheem, peace be upon him, said to his people (as Allaah The Almighty says on his behalf): {He said, "Do you worship that which you [yourselves] carve, While Allaah created you and that which you do?"} [As-Saafaat: 95-96]

12. Gods that have nothing except mere names in the hearts of their makers:

Allaah The Almighty says: {You worship not besides Him except [mere] names you have named them, you and your fathers, for which Allaah has sent down no authority.} [Yoosuf: 40]

IbnKatheer: It is because of their ignorance that they worship false deities and give them names, for these names were forged and are being transferred from one generation to the next generation. They have no proof or authority that supports this practice from Allaah The Almighty.¹⁷³

13. Gods that are ugly:

You can in no way find a worshiped deity besides Allaah The Almighty free from a form of ugliness such as the idols, stones, graves, trees, human beings that eat, drink, urinate and answer the call of nature. How such descriptions are far from Allaah The Almighty whom the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, described saying: "Allaah is beautiful and loves beauty."! [Reported by Muslim (91) on the authority of Ibn Mas'ood, may Allaah be pleased with him]

Furthermore, contemplate the beauty, greatness and pride when the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, describes the Countenance of Allaah The Almighty saying: "**His veil is Light and if He were to remove it, the glory of His Countenance would burn everything of His creation, as far as His gaze**

173 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (2/463).

reaches.” [Reported by Muslim (179) on the authority of Abu Moosa, may Allaah be pleased with him]

Look at such descriptions that make the hearts pleased with the light of faith. Actually, the heart gets pleased with the love of the Ar-Rahmaan (The Most Gracious). Allaah The Almighty says:

{And the earth will shine with the light of its Lord.} [Az-Zumar: 69] Glorified be Allaah.

14. Gods that lead their worshipers and makers to the Hellfire:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudari, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "On the Day of Resurrection, a call-maker will announce, "Let every nation follow that which they used to worship."

Then all of those who used to worship anything other than Allaah like idols and other deities will fall in Hellfire, till there will remain none but those who used to worship Allaah, both those who were obedient (i.e. good) and those who were disobedient (i.e. bad) and the remaining party of the people of the Scripture. Then the Jews will be called upon and it will be said to them, 'Who do you use to worship?' They will say, 'We used to worship Ezra, the son of Allaah.' It will be said to them, 'You are liars, for Allaah has never taken anyone as a wife or a son. What do you want now?' They will say, 'O our Lord! We are thirsty, so give us something to drink.' They will be directed and addressed thus, 'Will you drink,' whereupon they will be gathered unto Hellfire which will look like a mirage whose different sides will be destroying each other. Then they will fall into the Hellfire.

Afterwards the Christians will be called upon and it will be said

to them, 'Who do you use to worship?' They will say, 'We used to worship Jesus, the son of Allaah.' It will be said to them, 'You are liars, for Allaah has never taken anyone as a wife or a son,' Then it will be said to them, 'What do you want?' They will say what the former people have said." [Al-Bukhaari]

15. Gods that will be punished along with their makers in the Hellfire:

Allaah The Almighty says to the disbelievers: {Indeed, you [disbelievers] and what you worship other than Allaah are the firewood of Hell. You will be coming to [enter] it. Had these [false deities] been [actual] gods, they would not have come to it, but all are eternal therein.} [Al-Anbiyaa' 98-99]

Ibn Katheer said: If these idols and false gods which you worshipped instead of Allaah, had really been gods, they would not have entered the Hellfire.

Forms of the false deities

Allaah The Almighty is the owner of all and superb perfection, beauty and majesty. He The Almighty with the glory and greatness is described and with the beautiful attributes and sublime names is known. He is of great estimation and great status. Glory and praise be to Him.

Surely, one finds all what are worshiped besides Allaah The Almighty imperfect, mean, powerless, poor, or one finds them perishable and mortal. So look at the deities worshiped besides Allaah The Almighty, you will know how foolish and ignorant are those who worshiped them!

Worship of Shytaan (Satan):

Shytaan is the origin and source of every form of Shirk (associating partners with Allaah The Almighty in worship). Moreover, he is the planner and builder of it as a whole. So any worshiped matter other than Allaah The Almighty is a Shytaan and any form of worship ascribed to other than Allaah The Almighty is a kind of worship of Shytaan.

Allaah The Almighty says: {Did I not enjoin upon you, O children of Adam, that you not worship Shytaan (Satan) - [for] indeed, he is to you a clear enemy. And that you worship [only] Me? This is a straight path.} [Yaa-Seen: 60-61]

He is the one who planted the tree of Shirk and any form of Shirk is one of its wicked fruits and every branch of it is just one of its bad traces.

Allaah The Almighty says: {And the example of a bad word is like a bad tree, uprooted from the surface of the earth, not having any stability.} [Ibraaheem: 26]

Then there is no difference between the matters worshiped instead of Allaah The Almighty such as the atom and galaxy and the greatest king or smallest insect. All of them are just slaves of Allaah The Almighty and all forms of worship that are ascribed to

other than Allaah The Almighty are Shirk whether it is a sent messenger or illustrious angel. All forms of worship that are ascribed to other than Allaah The Almighty are for the Shytaan.

Some people worship stones¹⁷⁴:

The people of Nooh (Noah), peace be upon him, worship the idols. Such idols were for righteous men. When they passed away, they made statues for them. Then the later generations that followed them worshiped such idols. Allaah The Almighty says about the people of Nooh: {And said, 'Never leave your gods and never leave Wadd or Suwa' or Yaghuth and Ya'uq and Nasr. And already they have misled many. And, [my Lord], do not increase the wrongdoers except in error.} [Nooh: 23-24]

Also, the people of Ibraaheem, peace be upon him, (did the same):

Allaah The Almighty says about Ibraaheem, peace be upon him: {When he said to his father and his people, "What do you worship?" They said, "We worship idols and remain to them devoted." He said, "Do they hear you when you supplicate? Or do they benefit you, or do they harm?" They said, "But we found our fathers doing thus.} [Ash-Shu'araa': 70-74]

Also, Arabs did the same in Jaahiliyyah (pre-Islamic period of ignorance):

Allaah The Almighty says: {So have you considered Al-Lat and al-'Uzza? And Manaat, the third - the other one?} [An-Najm: 19-20]

It was narrated that Abu Rajaa' Al-'Ataaridi said: In the pre-Islam

174 Amongst the forms of worshiping stones and rocks are "Darb Al-Wada' (hitting sea-shells), Washwasht Al-Wada' (whispering to sea-shells), and putting stones on the earth so that the pregnant women or the woman who gave birth recently can walk from above them, believing that this will protect her and her child, or that the woman may pass over it so that she may have children. They are mere stones that have neither benefit nor harm.

period of ignorance we used to worship the stone if we found a stone better than it we throw it (old one) and take the other (new one). If we did not find a stone, then we collect some dust and bring sheep and milk on it and then circumambulate around it.”¹⁷⁵

Jews loves the worshipping of idols:

Such is the nature of the Jews in all times. They do not believe in the unseen and do not worship any lord except what they desires will.

Allaah The Almighty says: {And We took the Children of Israel across the sea; then they came upon a people intent in devotion to [some] idols of theirs. They said, “O Moses, make for us a god just as they have gods.” He said, “Indeed, you are a people behaving ignorantly.} [Al-A'raaf: 138]

The Far East in the modern age worships “the idol of Buddha”:

This is an idol that hundreds of millions of human beings worship and make a pilgrimage to it every year. Moreover, they prostrate, bow, present gifts, circumambulate around it glorifying it and establish festivals and feasts to it. They made a great statute for it in their temples and public squares and do not allow anyone to touch it and no one can enter up it except bowing.

Glory be to Allaah! They created the statues with their hands and then worshiped them:

It cannot be said to those people and those who are like them except what Ibraaheem, peace be upon him, said to his people: {He said, “Do you worship that which you [yourselves] carve while Allah created you and that which you do?} [As-Saafaat: 95-96]

¹⁷⁵ Reported by Al-Bukhaari and refer to *Al-'Aqeedah filallaah* by Prof: 'Umar Sulaimaan Al-Ashqar (289).

Some people worship the idols:

Idol refers to everything that has a craved shape such as idols or does not have a craved shape. Allaah The Almighty says: **{So avoid the uncleanness of idols and avoid false statement.}** [Al-Hajj: 30]¹⁷⁶

Glorifying shrines and graves make them idols:

All things that are glorified such as stones, idols, graves, shrines are idols. Furthermore, whoever seeks blessings from them, circumambulates around them, sacrifices for them and makes vows for them has committed Shirk. This is exactly what the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, feared that the ignorant and misguided people to do with his grave. So he, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Allaah! Let not my grave be turned into a worshipped idol."¹⁷⁷

Cow:

Many of the countries of Asia and Indians worship and glorify cows. They are the sect of Hindus. They glorify it and do not slaughter it. In addition, they have a ministry in India called "the ministry of cows". Every minister is obliged to raise a cow in his house. No one of them can dare to do something bad to the cow. "Once, a cow slept in the way. So it caused a traffic jam for 12 hours and no one was brave enough to drive it away from the way." Their glorification to the cow reached the extent that their Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said: "My mother, the cow is more beloved to me than my mother that gave birth to me."

Jews are more wicked than the Indians:

They are the first to worship the cows when they took a calf from gold; it was an inanimate idol.

Allaah The Almighty says: **{And the people of Moses made, after**

176 *Fat-h Al-Majeed* (71).

177 Reported by Maalik in *Al-Muwatta'*, book of Prayer, chapter of Prayer No. (261), Ibn Abi Shaibah in *Al-Musannaf* (3/345) and Ahmad reported something like that in *Al-Musanad* (2/346).

[his departure], from their ornaments a calf - an image having a lowing sound. Did they not see that it could neither speak to them nor guide them to a way? They took it [for worship], and they were wrongdoers.} [Al-A'raaf: 148]

He The Almighty also says: {And their hearts absorbed [the worship of] the calf because of their disbelief.} [Al-Baqarah: 93]

Trees¹⁷⁸:

The polytheists in Jahiliyyah used to worship a tree of Nabk that was called 'Thaat Anwaat' and seek its blessings:

It was narrated that Abu Waaqid Al-Laythi, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: We went out from Makkah with the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, to Hunayn and we were new in Islam (at that time). The polytheists had a tree to which they would go and spend time (to seek blessings) and they used to hang their weapons on it, and it was called Thaaat Anwaat. We passed by a large tree of Nabk and we said: 'O Messenger of Allaah, make for us a Thaaat Anwaat.' The Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: 'Allahu Akbar, These are ways that you will certainly follow. By the One in Whose hand is my soul, you have said the same as the Children of Israel said to Moosa: 'Make for us a god as they have gods.' He then said: "Verily you are a people who know not."¹⁷⁹

178 Also, trees are worshiped in the modern time. In Egypt, there is a tree named: Tree of Mariam. Barren women go to it and seek its blessings and make vows to it in order to be give children. Have they not heard the saying of Allaah The Almighty: **{He gives to whom He wills female [children], and He gives to whom He wills males. Or He makes them [both] males and females, and He renders whom He wills barren. Indeed, He is Knowing and Competent.}** [Ash-Shoora: 49-50]

179 Reported by At-Tirmithi in "Al-Jaami'" No. (2181) and said: This is Hasan Saheeh (good and authentic) Hadeeth. It was also reported by Ahmad in *Al-Musnad* (5/218), Abu Ya'la in *Al-Musnad* (1441) and Ibn Abi Shaibah in *Al-Musanaf* (15/101) and others.

Even the insects and the mice:

Statistics in India have revealed that the numbers of religions adopted by people are 2000 religions and their adherents speak 200 languages. Amongst such deities are:

Insects: Such sect does not harm any insect and take the intensive precautions against that. They, even, do not wear clothes in summer or winter so that insects may not attach to them. Every one of them has something like the feather of the ostriches to clean under his feet in every step he takes in order not to kill an insect under the dust. If an insect was killed, they abstain from eating and drinking, and punish themselves severely for the death of their gods.

As for the mice¹⁸⁰: In India, there is a temple of a great building which is built in the best style. It also has some of invaluable antiquities and a wide garden that is filled with unique plants. Presents are presented to such temple, sacrifices slaughtered for it, vows of gold and silver are made to it. What remains to know is that what is worshiped in such temple are just "mice".

Glory be to Allaah! How this is far from the greatness and majesty of Allaah The Almighty who says: {They have not appraised Allah with true appraisal, while the earth entirely will be [within] His grip on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens will be folded in His right hand. Exalted is He and high above what they associate with Him.} [Az-Zumar: 67]

How truthful is the saying of the one who said about them:

Are there any minds being sold in the markets so that I may get some for those people?

180 Excerpted from "Al-Kuwait" Newspaper. Refer to the book entitled: "'Ulw Al-Himmah by Prof: Sayed Al-'Ifaani."

Worshipped deities will disassociated themselves from those who worshiped them

Allaah The Almighty says: **{And they have taken besides Allaah [false] deities that they would be for them [a source of] honor. No! Those “gods” will deny their worship of them and will be against them opponents [on the Day of Judgement].}** [Mariam: 81-82]

Mujaahid said: **[and will be against them opponents [on the Day of Judgement]** means that they will be their enemies and opponents. They will dispute with and deny them.¹⁸¹

Qataadah said: Enemies in the Hellfire where they will curse each other and deny each other¹⁸² as Allaah The Almighty says: **{And when the people are gathered [that Day], they [who were invoked] will be enemies to them, and they will be deniers of their worship.}** [Al-Ahqaaf: 6]

1. Angels will disassociate themselves from those who used to worship them:

The disbelievers used to worship the angels and believe that they may bring them nearer to Allaah The Almighty in position. So contemplate what will happen to those people on the Day of Reckoning and how the angels will disassociate themselves from them and glorify Allaah The Almighty high above having any partner and exalt Him high above having any rival.

Allaah The Almighty says: **{And [mention] the Day when He will gather them all and then say to the angels, “Did these [people] used to worship you?” They will say, “Exalted are You! You, [O Allaah], are our benefactor not them. Rather, they used to worship the jinn; most of them were believers in them.”}** [Saba': 40-41]

181 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (3/131).

182 Ibid

2. 'Isa (Jesus) will disassociate himself from those who worshiped him:

Amongst the greatest and foremost causes of Shirk is the exaggeration over the righteous. Amongst them (i.e. those who exaggerate the righteous) are the Jews and the Christians. The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "May Allaah curse the Jews and the Christians, for they took the graves of their Prophets as places of worship." He, peace and blessings be upon him, was warning against what they had done.¹⁸³

Those people and the like changed honoring the prophets and the righteous to worshiping them besides Allaah The Almighty, what is the outcome of that then? They lost worshiping Allaah The Almighty alone in the worldly life and their deities disassociated themselves from them in the Hereafter while they are in the most dire need to them. So they become face great losses from everywhere.

Allaah The Almighty says: {And [beware the Day] when Allaah will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, did you say to the people, "Take me and my mother as deities besides Allaah?" He will say, "Exalted are You! It was not for me to say that to which I have no right. If I had said it, You would have known it. You know what is within myself, and I do not know what is within Yourself. Indeed, it is You who is Knower of the unseen. I said not to them except what You commanded me - to worship Allaah, my Lord and your Lord. And I was a witness over them as long as I was among them; but when You took me up, You were the Observer over them, and You are, over all things, Witness.} [Al-Maa'edah: 116-117]

183 Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim on the authority of 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her.

Qataadah and others said: This is a threat and a warning to Christians, chastising them in public.

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, warns his nation against making a rival for Allaah The Almighty.

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, was the most devoted worshiper to Allaah The Almighty and the best one in worshiping Him alone. He, furthermore, was the most one feared that his nation may commit Shirk in general and take him as a rival for Allaah The Almighty in particular. So you see him closed all the doors of Shirk, refuted all of its claims and eliminated all of its causes. So may Allaah reward him with the best reward that can ever be bestowed upon a prophet for his people and a messenger for his nation.

3. Here is some of what the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, did in this regard:

He, peace and blessings be upon him, prohibited exaggerating over him in praise and commendation:¹⁸⁵

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Do not unduly praise me like the Christians exaggerated over 'Isa, son of Maryam. Verily, I am only a servant, so say, Allaah's servant and His Messenger." 185

Amongst the examples of dispraised commendation that goes against the rulings and 184 fundamentals of the religion of Islam is the following words of praising the Prophet, peace and :blessings be upon him

- O noblest of creation, I have no one but you to turn to except you when major calamity strikes.
- If you do not take my hand out if kindness on the Day of Resurrection, then what great trouble I will be in.
- This world and the Hereafter are part of what you control, and part of your knowledge is the knowledge of al-Lawh (i.e. the Preserved Tablet) and the Pen

185 Reported by Al-Bukhaari in *As-Saheeh* (3445-6830) on the authority of 'Umar, may Allaah be pleased with them, and its continuation reported by Muslim (1691).

He, peace and blessings be upon him, prohibited calling upon him instead of Allaah The Almighty:

At the time of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, there was a hypocrite who rendered so much harm to the companions so that some of them summoned the others to seek the help of the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, against him. Upon that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "No man may call upon me. Only Allaah is worthy of being called upon."¹⁸⁶

He, peace and blessings be upon him, prohibited taking his grave as a place of worship:

It was narrated on the authority of 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "May Allaah curse the Jews and the Christians, for they have taken the graves of their Prophets as places of worship." 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her, said: "He was warning (the Muslims) against (doing) what they had done." And she also said: "Had it not been for that, the grave of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, would have been made prominent but he was afraid it might be taken (as a) place of worship." 187 He, peace and blessings be upon him, also said: "Those who came before you took the graves of their Prophets and righteous people as places of worship. Do not take graves as places of worship – I forbid you to do that."¹⁸⁸

186 Reported by At-Tabaraani in "Al-Mu'jam Al-Kabeer" as in *Majma' Az-Zawaa'id* (10/159) and said: Its chain of narrators meets the criteria of the Two *Saheehs*, but not Ibn Lahee'ah whose Hadeeth is Hasan (good), and reported also by Ahmad in *Al-Musnad* (2/317). It was also discussed previously.

187 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (435-1330-1390) and Muslim (531).

188 Reported by Muslim (532).

He, peace and blessings be upon him, implored Allaah The Almighty so that his grave may not be worshiped:

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Allaah! Let not my grave be turned into a worshipped idol."¹⁸⁹

Allaah The Almighty has answered his supplication as Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said:

And the Lord of the worlds has responded to his supplication and surrounded it with three walls.

Even his area due to his invocations becomes in great honor, protection and preservation.¹⁹⁰

He, peace and blessings be upon him, prohibited taking his grave as a place of festivity.

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Do not take your houses as graves and do not take my grave as a place of festivity. Send blessings upon me for your greeting will reach me no matter where you are."¹⁹¹

Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: A place of festivity which one visits repeatedly.¹⁹²

189 Reported by Muslim and Maalik in *Al-Muwatta*, the book of Prayer chapter of Prayer No. (261), Ibn Abi Shaybah in *Al-Musannaf* (3/345), Ahmad reported a narration similar to it in "*Al-Musnad*" (2/346).

190 *An-Nooniyah*.

191 Reported by Abu Daawood in *As-Sunnah* No. (2042). An-Nawawi in *Al-Athkaar* (97): It has a sound chain of transmission.

192 *Ighaathit Al-Lahfaan* (1/209). Amongst such forbidden and innovated festivals are Al-Mawaalid (celebrations of birthdays) that are celebrated every year near the graves and shrines of some righteous people where supplications, vows and sacrifices are ascribed to others than Allaah The Almighty and sins are committed. "Allaah is sufficient for us and the best of those on whom to depend."

He, peace and blessings be upon him, feared that the people may make him a rival for Allaah The Almighty:

It was narrated that Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: A man said to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "Whatever Allaah and you will." Upon that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Are you making me a rival with Allaah? (Say;) What Allaah alone Wills."¹⁹³

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, disassociated himself from his strength and power and declared his dire need to the strength and power of Allaah The Almighty:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, used to seek the victory of Allaah The Almighty over the disbelievers saying: "O Allaah, You are my strength and You are my support. For Your sake I go forth and for Your sake I advance and for Your sake I fight."¹⁹⁴

It was also narrated that Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: "When Allaah revealed the Verse: {And warn, [O Muhammad], your closest kindred.} [Ash-Shu'araa': 214], the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, got up and said, "O people of Quraish (or said similar words)! Buy (i.e. save) yourselves (from the Hellfire) as I cannot save you from Allaah's Punishment; O 'Abbaas ibn 'Abdel Mutalib! I cannot save you from Allaah's Punishment, O Safiya, the Aunt of Allaah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him! I cannot save you from Allaah's Punishment; O Faatimah bint Muhammad! Ask me anything from my wealth, but I cannot save you from Allaah's Punishment."¹⁹⁵

193 It was narrated by Ibn Marduwih and reported by An-Nasaa'i, Ibn Maajah on the authority of Hadeeth 'Isa Ibn Yoonus from Al-Ajlah from him.

194 Reported by Abu Daawood in the book of "Al-Jihaad" (2632), and At-Tirmithi in the book of Ad-Da'wah (3584). Refer to Saheeh Abu Daawood (2/499) No. (2291).

195 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

Amongst the forms of Shirk and its causes

Exaggeration about the righteous:

Allaah The Almighty says: {O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allaah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allaah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul [created at a command] from Him.} [An-Nisaa': 171]

It is to make something seem more important, better or worse than it really is by words or belief, meaning, do not elevate the created being above the rank that Allaah The Almighty has granted him. So one may give another a rank or grade that should not be given except to Allaah The Almighty. Even if this speech and command was directed for the People of the Scripture, it is also general for the whole nation, warning them to do as the Christians did with 'Isa, peace be upon him, and the Jews with Ezra. It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Do not unduly praise me like the Christians exaggerated over 'Isa, son of Maryam. Verily, I am only a servant, so say, Allaah's servant and His Messenger."¹⁹⁶

The first kind of Shirk in the worldly life is cause by the exaggeration over the righteous:

It was narrated that Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, said regarding the saying of Allaah The Almighty: {And said, 'Never leave your gods and never leave Wadd or Suwaa' or Ya-ghuth and Ya'uq and Nasr.} [Nooh: 23]

"These idols were all named after righteous men from the people of Nuh. Then when these men died, Shaytan (Satan) inspired their people to erect statues in honor of them at their gathering places where they used to come and sit, and to name these statues after these men (with their names). So they did this (as Shaytan sug-

196 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3445-6830).

gested), but these statues were not worshipped until after those people (the ones who built them) had died and the knowledge was lost. Then, those statues were later worshipped."¹⁹⁷

Ibn al-Qayyim said: "More than one of the Salaf said: 'when they died, the people started to frequent their graves, then they made statues of them, then as time passed they started to worship them.'"¹⁹⁸

Slaughtering for someone other than Allaah The Almighty:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "May Allaah curse those who dedicate sacrifice to other than Allaah."¹⁹⁹

Astrology: It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "There are four matters of Jaahiliyyah (pre-Islamic period of ignorance) in my Ummah that they will not give up: pride in one's forefathers, slandering lineages, seeking rain by the stars and wailing."²⁰⁰

Attributing provision for other than Allaah The Almighty:

"Whoever believes that the stars send down rain":

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said on the behalf of the Lord of Honor: "This morning one of My slaves became a believer in Me and one a disbeliever. As for him who said: 'We have been given rain by the grace of Allaah and His mercy,' that one is a believer in Me, a disbeliever in the stars; and as for him who said: 'We have been given rain by such-and-such a star, that one is a disbeliever in Me, a believer in the stars.'"²⁰¹

197 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (4920).

198 *Ighaathat Al-Lahfaan* (1/203).

199 Reported by Muslim.

200 Reported by Muslim (934), Ahmad and others.

201 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (846-1038-4147-7403), Muslim (71) and Ahmad (117/4).

Showing off and dedicating deeds for other than the sake of Allaah The Almighty:

Allaah The Almighty says in Al-Qudsi Hadeeth: "I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus he who does an action for the sake of someone else as well as for My sake will have that action rejected by Me to the one whom he associated with Me."²⁰²

Obeying those who allowed what is prohibited or prohibited what is allowed:

It was narrated that 'Adiyy ibn Haatim (He was a Christian before he became a Muslim) said: He heard the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, reciting the verse in which Allaah The Almighty says: {They have taken their scholars and monks as lords besides Allaah, and [also] the Messiah, the son of Mary. And they were not commanded except to worship one God; there is no deity except Him. Exalted is He above whatever they associate with Him.} [At-Tawbah: 31] He said: "I said, O Messenger of Allaah, we do not worship them." The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Do they not forbid that which Allaah has allowed and thus you forbid it, and allow what Allaah has forbidden and thus you allow it?" I said, "Yes." He, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "This is a kind of worshipping them."²⁰³

Disliking something of the religion of Islam:

Allaah The Almighty says: {That is because they disliked what Allaah revealed, so He rendered worthless their deeds.} [Muhammad: 9]

Mocking at something that contains the mention of Allaah The Almighty, Quran or the Messenger, peace and blessings

202 Reported by Muslim (2985).

203 Reported by At-Tirmithi in Al-Jaami' No. (3094) and its root reported by Ahmad in "Al-Musnad" (4/257-378) without mentioning this wording.

be upon him:

Allaah The Almighty says to those who mock at anything of the religion of Islam: {And if you ask them, they will surely say, "We were only conversing and playing." Say, "Is it Allaah and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking?" Make no excuse; you have disbelieved after your belief. If We pardon one faction of you - We will punish another faction because they were criminals.} [At-Tawbah: 65-66]

It was narrated that 'Abdullaah ibn 'Umar, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: "During the battle of Tabook, a man was sitting in a gathering and said, 'I have never seen like these reciters of ours!²⁰⁴ They have the hungriest stomachs, the most lying tongues and are the most cowardice in battle.' A man in the Masjid said, 'You lie. You are a hypocrite, and I will surely inform the Messenger of Allaah.' This statement was conveyed to the Messenger of Allaah and also a part of the Quran was revealed about it. 'Abdullah bin 'Umar said, "I have seen that man afterwards holding onto the shoulders of the Messenger's camel while stones were falling on him, declaring, 'O Allaah's Messenger! We were only engaged in idle talk and jesting,' while the Messenger of Allaah was reciting, **"Is it Allaah and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking?" Make no excuse; you have disbelieved after your belief.**} [At-Tawbah: 65-66]²⁰⁵

Learning magic and acting upon it:

Allaah The Almighty says: **{It was not Solomon who disbelieved, but the devils disbelieved.}** [Al-Baqarah: 102]

It was narrated that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "Shun the seven great destructive sins" The people inquired,

204 Our reciters: They mean the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and the honorable companions, may Allaah be pleased with them.

205 Reported by At-Tabaraani (10/172) from the route of 'Abdullaah ibn Saalih, the writer of Al-Layth. He is truthful but errs a lot; however, it is followed by Ibn Abi Haatim. So he narrated it from Yoonus ibn 'Abd Al-A'la from Ibn Wahb. It has a sound chain of transmission. Refer to "Hidaayat Al-Mustaneer" (303).

“O Allaah’s Messenger! What are they” He said, (They are) Joining others in worship with Allaah, magic taking life which Allaah has forbidden, except for a just cause (according to Islamic law), ...”²⁰⁶

Going to soothsayers, fortunetellers and sorcerers:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: “Whoever goes to a fortuneteller and asks him about something and believes him, his prayers will not be accepted for forty days.”²⁰⁷

He, peace and blessings be upon him, also said: “Whoever goes to a soothsayer and believes what he says has disbelieved in that which was revealed to Muhammad.”²⁰⁸²⁰⁹

Tatayyur (superstitious belief in bird or other bad omens):

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: “There is no ‘Adwaa [contagion, transmission of infectious disease without the permission of Allaah], no Tiyyarah, no Haamah [refers to a Jaahili Arab tradition described variously as: a worm which infests the grave of a murder victim until he is avenged; an owl; or the bones of a dead person turned into a bird that could fly], and no Safar [the month of Safar was regarded as “unlucky” during the Jaahiliyyah].”²¹⁰

Ibn Mas‘ood, may Allaah be pleased with him, narrated a Marfoo‘ (traceable Hadeeth): “Tiyyarah is shirk, tiyyarah is shirk” thrice

206 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (2766-5764-6857), Muslim (89) and the remaining part of it is as follows: “consuming Riba (usury, interest), consuming an orphan’s wealth, fleeing the battlefield at the time of fighting, and false accusation to chaste women, who never even think of anything touching chastity and are good believers.”

207 Reported by Muslim (2230).

208 Reported by Abu Daawood in “*As-Sunan*” No. (3904), At-Tirmithi in “*Al-Jaami*” (135), An-Nasaa’i in “*Al-Kubra*” as in “*Tuhfat Al-Ash-Shraaf*” (10/124), Ibn Maajah in “*As-Sunan*” (639), Ahmad in “*Al-Musnad*” (2/408-486).

209 What makes the matter even worse and adds insult to injury is that soothsayers, sorcerers and fortunetellers became enter every house through “satellite channels” and “internet” and watched by millions. May Allaah grant us and them guidance.

210 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (5757) and Muslim (2220).

and then added: but there is none of us who... but Allaah takes it away by means of trust in Him."²¹¹

Hanging up amulets, string and iron ring:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever wears an amulet, may Allaah not fulfill his need, and whoever wears a sea-shell, may Allaah not give him peace."²¹²

It was narrated that Abu Basheer Al-Ansaari, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: He was with the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, on one of his journeys, and the people were at their places of rest. The Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, sent a messenger (saying): "No camel is to be left among any group of people with a garland of sinew or a garland, but it is to be cut off."²¹³

When a garland of sinew becomes old, the people of Al-Jaahiliyah used to take another new one and garland their camels with the old one, believing that this could ward off the evil eye from the camels.

Non-prescribed Ruqyah, amulets and love charms:

It was narrated that 'Abdullaah ibn Mas'ood, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: I heard the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, say: "Ruqyah, amulets²¹⁴ and At-Tiwlah (love charms) are Shirk."²¹⁵

As for the non-prescribed Ruqyah, it is that contains shirk-related matters. However, the prescribed Ruqyah that is performed by reciting Quran, invocations and supplications and that are men-

211 Reported by Abu Daawood, At-Tirmithi in "Al-Jaami'" (1614) and deemed it Saheeh (authentic) and Ahmad (1/389-438-440).

212 Reported by Ahmad in "Al-Musnad" (4/154) and Al-Haakim (4/417).

213 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3005) and Muslim (2115) and others.

214 It is like what is hanged up on the cars or doors of houses such as palm of the hand, horseshoe, a shoe, green bead, staining cars and houses with hands that are stained with blood, believing that all of such things may ward off evil eye and envy. This makes them commit Shirk.

215 Reported by Ahmad and Abu Daawood.

tioned in the authentic Sunnah, then it is permissible.

As for the Amulets, they are what the people hang up on their necks and their animals such as beads, bones and the like to ward off the evil eye.

As for At-tiwlah, it is something that the woman used to do to make her husband love her. It is a kind of magic. And Allaah knows best.

Laa 'ilaaha illa Allaah (there is no deity except Allaah) is the call of the Prophets and Messengers

Call to "Laa 'ilaaha illa Allaah" is the salvation from Shirk. Allaah The Almighty says: {And invite [people] to your Lord. And never be of those who associate others with Allaah.} [Al-Qasas: 87]

It is also the best deed. Allaah The Almighty says: {And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allaah and does righteousness and says, "Indeed, I am of the Muslims.}" [Fussilat: 33]

Moreover, it is the call of the Prophets and Messengers, peace be upon them all. Allaah The Almighty says: {And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], "Worship Allaah and avoid Taghut (all false deities, etc. i.e. do not worship Taghut besides Allaah).} [An-Nahl: 36]

It is the invitation of Nooh (Noah), peace be upon him, to his people:

Here he is calling his people. Allaah The Almighty says: {We had certainly sent Noah to his people, and he said, "O my people, worship Allaah; you have no deity other than Him. Indeed, I fear for you the punishment of a tremendous Day.} [Al-A'raaf: 59]

It is also his invitation to his son:

Allaah The Almighty says on the behalf of Nooh, peace be upon him: {And Noah called to his son who was apart [from them], "O my son, come aboard with us and be not with the disbelievers. [But] he said, "I will take refuge on a mountain to protect me from the water." [Noah] said, "There is no protector today from the decree of Allaah , except for whom He gives mercy.}" {Hood: 42-43}

It is the message of Ibraaheem (Abraham), peace be upon him:

He invited his father and people to it. Allaah The Almighty says on the behalf of Ibraaheem, peace be upon him: {[And] when

he said to his father and his people, “What do you worship? Is it falsehood [as] gods other than Allaah you desire? Then what is your thought about the Lord of the worlds?”} [As-Saafaat: 85-87]

He also enjoined his sons with it. Allaah The Almighty says: {And Abraham instructed his sons [to do the same] and [so did] Jacob, [saying], “O my sons, indeed Allaah has chosen for you this religion, so do not die except while you are Muslims.”} [Al-Baqarah: 132]

It is the invitation of Hood (Hud), peace be upon him, to 'Aad:

Allaah The Almighty says: {And to the 'Aad [We sent] their brother Hud. He said, “O my people, worship Allaah ; you have no deity other than Him. Then will you not fear Him?”} [Al-A'raaf: 65]

It is the call of Saalih (Saleh), peace be upon him, to Thamood:

Allaah The Almighty says: {**And to the Thamud [We sent] their brother Saalih He said, “O my people, worship Allaah; you have no deity other than Him. There has come to you clear evidence from your Lord.**} [Al-A'raaf: 73]

It is the advice of Luqmaan to his son:

Allaah The Almighty says: {And [mention, O Muhammad], when Luqman said to his son while he was instructing him, “O my son, do not associate [anything] with Allaah. Indeed, association [with him] is great injustice.”} [Luqmaan: 13]

It is the instruction of Ya'qoob (Jacob), peace be upon him, to his sons before his death:

Allaah The Almighty says: {Or were you witnesses when death approached Jacob, when he said to his sons, “What will you worship after me?” They said, “We will worship your God and the God of

your fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac - one God. And we are Muslims [in submission] to Him.”} [Al-Baqarah: 133]

It is the invitation of the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and his nation to all people until beginning of the Hour i.e. the Day of Resurrection:

Allaah The Almighty has sent His Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, with the testimonial of Laa 'ilaaha illallaah (there is no deity except Allaah) to mankind and Jinn, and Arab and non-Arab. He The Almighty commanded him, peace and blessings be upon him, and his nation to invite to it.

Allaah The Almighty says: **{Say, “This is my way; I invite to Allaah with insight,²¹⁶ I and those who follow me. And exalted is Allaah ; and I am not of those who associate others with Him.”}** [Yoosuf: 108]

Ibn Katheer said: Allaah The Almighty orders His Messenger to say to mankind and the Jinn that this is his way, meaning, his method, path and Sunnah, concentrating on calling to the testimony that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allaah alone without partners. The Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, calls to this testimonial with sure knowledge, certainty and firm evidence. He calls to this way, and all of those who followed him call to what Allaah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, called to with sure knowledge, certainty and evidence, whether logical or religious evidence.²¹⁷

It is the invitation of the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, to his people:

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, used to walk

216 Insight: Sheykh Muhammad ibn Saalih Al-'Uthaimeen said in his invaluable book entitled "Zaad Ad-Daa'yah ila Allaah": Insight in calling people to Allaah The Almighty should have three matters:

Firstly, having clear and deep understanding regarding the rulings of Islam.

Secondly, knowing the conditions of the people being invited.

Thirdly, having sure knowledge of the appropriate way of calling to Allaah The Almighty.

217 Tafseer Ibn Katheer (2/479).

around his people and say to them: Say Laa 'ilaaha illallaah and you will prosper.²¹⁸

Furthermore, the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, ordered Mu'aath ibn Jabal, may Allaah be pleased with him, to call the people of Yemen to it:

It was narrated that Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: "When the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, sent Mu'aath to Yemen, he said to him: "You are going to people from among the people of the Book. Call them to bear witness that Laa 'ilaaha illallaah. And in another narration: "To worship Allaah The Almighty alone..."²¹⁹

Because of the invitation to it, Allaah The Almighty enjoined Jihaad and the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, sent the armies: Jihaad that is enjoined by Islam is a holy pure fighting. It is not enjoined to shed blood, plunder properties and disgrace honors as the people of oppression, tyranny and aggression do. On contrary, Jihaad is only enjoined to make the word of Allaah The Almighty the uppermost and make the people know their creator and worship their truthful God, glorified and exalted be He.

The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, sent 'Ali Ibn Abi Taalib, may Allaah be pleased with him, as a leader of the army in the battle of Khaybar and said to him: "Advance cautiously, until you reach their open space, then invite them to Islam, and tell them of their duties before Allaah. By Allaah, if Allaah were to guide one man through you, that would be better for you than having red camels."²²⁰

218 Reported by Ahmad in *Al-Musnad* (3/492-4/341), At-Tabaraani in *Al-Kabeer* (4582) on the authority of Rabee'ah ibn 'Ibaad, Ibn Abi Shaybah as in *Al-Mataalib Al-'Aaliyah* (4/191), Al-Bukhaari in *Af'aal Al-'Ibaad* (258), Ad-Daar Qutni in *As-Sunan* (3/44), Al-Haakim *Al-Mustadrak* (2/611) and deemed it Saheeh (authentic) and Ath-Thahabi agreed with him on the authority of Taarik Ibn 'Abdullah Al-Muhaaribi, may Allaah be pleased with him.

219 Reported by Al-Bukhaari in his *Saheeh* (1458-1496-2448-7371), Muslim (19) and others

220 Reported by Al-Bukhaari in his *Saheeh* (3701) and Muslim (2406).

The nation of monotheism was saved by Abu Bakr

, may Allaah be pleased with him, for he knew the God that is worthy of worship and disassociated himself from worshipping others than Him:

The best thing with which Allaah The Almighty kept the nation safe after the death of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, (Let my soul, son and parents be sacrificed for him) is that Allaah The Almighty appointed from this nation a man who believes firmly in the Oneness of Allaah, is guided, and knows well that there is no god worthy of worship except Allaah The Almighty, stands firm on and with it when the feet slipped and the minds confused. He was the best leader for a people who were confused and perplexed. He was the best shepherd to a people who were like the sheep among the wolves.

He went out to them and said: "Whoever used to worship Muhammad, Muhammad has died, but whoever used to worship Allaah, Allaah is alive and shall never die." Then recited the verse in which Allaah The Almighty says: {Muhammad is not but a messenger. [Other] messengers have passed on before him. So if he was to die or be killed, would you turn back on your heels [to unbelief]? And he who turns back on his heels will never harm Allaah at all; but Allaah will reward the grateful.} [Aal-'Imraan: 144]²²¹ The people wept loudly.²²²

Abu Bakr, may Allaah be pleased with him, led the people to true guidance and acquainted them with the right path they were to follow so that they went out reciting: {Muhammad is not but a messenger. [Other] messengers have passed on before him. So if he was to die or be killed, would you turn back on your heels [to unbelief]? And he who turns back on his heels will never harm Al-

221 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3668)

222 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3670).

laah at all; but Allaah will reward the grateful.} [Aal-'Imraan: 144]²²³

This is the invitation of the Prophets, Messengers and those who followed them among the scholars and the righteous. So if you follow their footsteps, then you will surely catch them. If you become like them, surely you will be gathered together with them. Do not let the hoopoe be more interested than you with the religion of Allaah The Almighty and calling to it. Certainly, you will get the same reward of whoever follows the way of guidance on your hands.

May Allaah guide us and you to whatever He loves and pleases Him.

223 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (3670) on the authority of 'Aa'ishah, may Allaah be pleased with her.

Supplicating Allaah, Glorified and Exalted be He, with His Names

1. Sincerity in saying Laa ilaaha illa Allaah (there is no god but Allaah):

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Huraiah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "No servant (of Allaah) utters the words saying, 'Laa ilaaha illa Allaah (there is no god but Allaah)' sincerely but the doors of heaven open up for these words until they reach the Throne of Allaah The Almighty, so long as major sins are avoided."²²⁴

2. An answered supplication:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, heard a man supplicating and saying: "Allaahumma 'innee 'as'aluka 'annee 'ash-hadu 'annaka 'Antallaahu laa 'ilaaaha 'illaa 'Antal-'Ahadu-us-Samadu-ul-lathee lam yalid wa lam yoolad wa lam yakun lahu kufuwan 'Ahad (O Allaah, I ask You by virtue of my bearing witness that You are Allaah, there is none worthy of worship except You, the One, the Self-Sufficient Master, Who begets not nor was begotten, and there is none co-equal or comparable to Him). Upon this He, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "You have asked Allaah by His Name, which if He is asked thereby He gives and if He is called upon thereby He answers."

And in another narration, he, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "By the One in Whose hand is my soul, he has asked Allaah by His greatest Name, which if He is called upon thereby He answers and if He is asked thereby He gives."²²⁵

224 Reported by At-Tirmithi and said: "Hasan Ghareeb (good and strange) Hadeeth."

225 Reported by Ahmad (4/338-349-350), Abu Daawood (985-1492), At-Tirmithi (3475), Ibn Hibaan (891-892), and Al-Haakim (1/267-504) on the authority of Buraidah ibn Al-Haseeb and Mihjin Ibn Al-Adra', may Allaah be pleased with him. Refer to *At-Targheeb and At-Tarheeb* (2/485) and *Saheeh Sunan Abu Daawood* (869-1324).

3. Supplication to be said at the times of calamities and distresses:

It was narrated on the authority of Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, used to say at the times of calamity: Laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahul-'Atheem ul-Haleem, laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu Rabbul-'Arshil-'Atheem, laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu Rabbus-samaawaati wa Rabbul-'ardhi wa Rabbul-'Arshil-Kareem (There is none worthy of worship but Allaah the Mighty, the Forbearing. There is none worthy of worship but Allaah, Lord of the Magnificent Throne. There is none worthy of worship but Allaah, Lord of the heavens and Lord of the earth, and Lord of the Noble Throne).²²⁶

In another narration reported by An-Nasaa'i and Al-Haakim deemed it Saheeh (authentic) on the authority of 'Ali, may Allaah be pleased with him, who said: "The Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, taught men such words and ordered me to say them at the times of calamity and distress."

4. Supplication of Saarah for the distressed women:

When the tyrant king wanted to take Saarah, may Allaah be pleased with her, she found nothing to invoke Allaah The Almighty with greater than her monotheism. So she said: "O Allaah! If I have believed in You and Your Messenger, and have saved my private parts from everybody except my husband, then please do not let this disbeliever overpower me."²²⁷ Allaah The Almighty kept him away from her and made him give Haajar as a girl-servant to her.

226 Reported by Al-Bukhaari (11/145).

227 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

5. Supplication of Yoonus, peace be upon him, is answered for every Muslim:

It was narrated on the authority of Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The supplication of Thu'l-Noon when he was in the belly of the fish: 'Laa ilaaha illa Anta, subhaanaka inni kuntu min al-zaalimeen (There is no god but You, glory to You, verily I was one of the wrongdoers).' A Muslim never calls upon his Lord with these words concerning any matter, but his prayer is answered."²²⁸

6. Reciting Ash-Shahadataan (The Two Testimonies of Faith) after Wudoo' (ablution) opens up the gates of the Paradise:

It was narrated on the authority of 'Umar ibn Al-Khattaab, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "There is no one among you who does Wudoo' and does it properly and does it well, then he says, 'Ashhadu an laa ilaaha ill-Allaah wahdahu laa sha-reeka lah, wa ashhadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa ra-sooluhu,' but the gates of Paradise will be opened to him and he may enter through whichever of them he wishes."²²⁹

7. The best speech:

It was narrated that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "The best that I and the Prophets before me said is 'Laa ilaaha illa-Allaah wahdahu la shareeka lah, lahu'l-mulk wa lahu'l-hamd wa huwa 'ala kulli shay'in qadeer (There is no god but Allaah alone, with no partner or associate; His is the Dominion, to Him be praise, and He has power over all

228 Reported by Ahmad in *Al-Musnad* (1/170), At-Tirmithi (3500) in *Ad-Da'waat* chapter No. (85), Al-Haakim (1/505) and deemed Saheeh (authentic) by Ath-Thahabi and it is also in *Saheeh At-Tirmithi* (3752).

229 Reported by Muslim in *At-Tahaarah* (234)

things).²³⁰

8. Ten times will have the reward for freeing four slaves:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Ayoob, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: Whoever says: Laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lahu, lahul-mulku wa lahul-hamdu wa Huwa 'alaa kulli shay'in Qadeer. (None has the right to be worshipped but Allaah alone, Who has no partner. His is the dominion and His is the praise, and He is Able to do all things) ten times, will have the reward for freeing four slaves from the Children of Isma'eel (Ishmael).²³¹

9. Hundred times will have a great reward and protection from the outcast Satan:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Huraiah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "Whoever says: Laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lahu, lahul-mulku wa lahul-hamdu wa Huwa 'alaa kulli shay'in Qadeer. (None has the right to be worshipped but Allaah alone, Who has no partner. His is the dominion and His is the praise, and He is Able to do all things) one hundred times in a day will have (a reward) equivalent to freeing ten slaves, one hundred Hasanaat (good deeds) will be recorded for him and one hundred Sayi'aat (bad deeds) will be erased from him, and he will be protected from the Shaytaan (Satan) for that day until evening comes. No one can do anything better than what he has done except one who does more than that."²³²

230 Reported by At-Tirmithi (3579) in *Ad-Da'waat* and it is in *Al-Mishkaah* (2598) and it is also in *As-Silsilah As-Saheehah* (1503) and *Saheeh At-Tirmithi* (3837).

231 Reported by Al-Bukhaari, Muslim, At-Tirmithi and An-Nasaa'i.

232 Reported by [Al-Bukhaari (11/168) in *Ad-Da'waat* and Muslim (2691) in *Ath-Thikr* and others.

10. Supplication to be said before sleeping:

It was narrated Ibn 'Umar, may Allaah be pleased with him, said: When the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, went to his bed, he would say: "Al-Hamulillaah Al-lathi Kafaani wa Awaani wa At'amani wa Saqaani wal Lathi Mann Aliya wa Afdhal wal Lathi A'taani Fa'jzal Al-Hamdulillaah Ala Kul Haal Al-laahumma Rabb Kuli Shay' wa Maalik Kuli Shay' wa Ilaah Kuli Shay' Lak Kul Shay' A'oothu bika min An-Naar. "Praise be to Allaah Who has given me sufficiency, has guarded me, given me food and drink, been most gracious to me, and given to me most lavishly. Praise be to Allaah in every circumstance. O Allaah! Lord and King of everything, God of everything, I seek refuge in You from Hellfire."²³³

11. Supplication which Allaah The Almighty responds to its reciter and saves him from the Hellfire:

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Sa'eed and Abu Huraiah, may Allaah be pleased with them, that Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "If a person says: 'La ilaaha illallaahu wallaahu Akbar (There is no true god except Allaah and Allaah is the Greatest)', his Lord responds to him and affirms: '(Yes!) There is no true god except I, and I am the Greatest.' When he says: 'La ilaaha illaAllaahu Wahdahu la shareeka Lahu (There is no true god except Allaah, the One, He has no partner).' Allaah The Almighty affirms: '(Yes!) There is no true god except I. I have no partner.' When he says: 'La ilaaha illallaahu Lahul Mulku wa Lahul-hamdu (the sovereignty belongs to Him and all the praise is due to Him).' He The Exalted affirms: '(Yes!) There is no true god except I, Mine is the praise and to Me belongs the sovereignty.' When he says: 'Laa ilaaha illallaahu wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa Billaah (There is no true god except Allaah, and there is no might and power

233 Reported by Ahmad (2/117) Hadeeth No. (5983) and sheikh Ahmad Shaakir said: it has a sound chain of transmission, Abu Daawood in *Majma' Az-Zwaa'id* (10/123) reported an abridged Hadeeth like that on the authority of Buraidah as a Marfoo' Hadeeth.

but with Allaah).’ He The Exalted affirms: ‘(Yes!) There is no true god except I, and there is no might and power but with Me.’ The Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him, used to say: “He who recites this during his illness and dies, will not be touched by the Hellfire.”²³⁴

12. Sayyid Al-Istighfaar (the most superior way of asking for forgiveness), then Paradise:

It was narrated on the authority Shadaad ibn Aws, may Allaah be pleased with him, that Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: Sayyid Al-Istighfaar is to say: “Allaahumma Anta Rabbee laa ilaah illa Anta, khalaqtani wa ana ‘abduka wa ana ‘ala ‘ahdika wa wad’ika maa asta’tu, a’oodhu bika min sharri ma sana’tu aboo’u laka bi ni’matika ‘alayya wa aboo’u laka bi dhanbi, faghfir li fa innahu laa yaghfir al-dhunoob illa anta (O Allaah, you are my Lord. None has the right to be worshipped but You. You created me and I am Your slave, and I am faithful to my covenant and my promise (to You) as much as I can. I seek refuge with You from all the evil I have done. I acknowledge before You all the blessings You have bestowed upon me, and I confess to You all my sins. So I entreat You to forgive my sins, for nobody can forgive sins except You.)” He [the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him,] said: Whoever says this during the day, believing in it with certainty, then dies on that day before evening comes, will be one of the people of Paradise, and whoever says it at night, believing in it with certainty, then dies on that night before morning comes, will be one of the people of Paradise.

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Reported by At-Tirmithi (5/3430) and Ibn Maajah (2/3794).

Is there any authentic Hadeeth that combines all of the Most Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty?

What is agreed upon its authenticity, is the Hadeeth that was narrated by Al-Bukhaari on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "Verily, Allaah has ninety-nine Names, a hundred less one; whoever counts (and preserves) them, will enter Paradise." [Reported by Al-Bukhaari and Muslim]

As for the narrations that mentioned and listed the Most Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty and the narration reported by At-Tirmithi and Ibn Maajah in His Sunan and others on the authority of Abu Hurairah, may Allaah be pleased with him, in which the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: Verily, Allaah has ninety-nine Names, a hundred less one; whoever counts (and preserves) them, will enter Paradise. He is Allaah, other than whom there is no deity. He is the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful. The Sovereign, the Pure..." then listed ninety-nine names [Both of them are weak narrations and cannot be attributed to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. Moreover, in the narration reported by At-Tirmithi, there is (Al-Waleed ibn Muslim) who Tafarrad (i.e. narrated it alone) with such narration. He is a camouflaging reporter (Mudallis) in At-Taswiyyah.]²³⁵

Ibn Hajar said: "And the weakness [of this narration], according to the two Sheykh (Al-Bukhaari and Muslim), is not just the Tafarrad of Al-Waleed ibn Muslim, rather the differences in it, Al-idhtiraab²³⁶,

235 Tadlees At-Taswiyyah: It is a type of Tadlees Al-isnaad (chain of transmission). It takes a place when a narrator narrates a Hadeeth from his sheykh with his Isnaad and then he drops the name of a weak narrator between two reliable narrators who have known each other and met each other. (Translator)

236 Al-Idhtiraab means incompatibility found in chains of transmission or texts with the inability to grade one superior to the other or combine between them. (Translator)

his Tadlees²³⁷, and the possibility of Idraaj²³⁸.²³⁹

So this Hadeeth combined some Names that are proved by the evidences of the Holy Book of Allaah The Almighty and the authentic Sunnah along with some other Names that neither authentic proof mentioned them nor an explicit proof explained them.

Such narration and others like it that listed the names are Mudrajah (added by the narrator to the words of the original text of the Hadeeth) and are not from the statement of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him. This is cannot be hidden from the scholars and those who have the knowledge of the Hadeeth of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him.

Perspectives of the scholars regarding such narrations:

1. Ibn Hajar Al-'Asqalaani, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said: "The most correct opinion is that listing them (Such names) is a kind of addition made by the narrators."²⁴⁰
2. As-San'aani said: "The scholars of the science of Hadeeth agreed that listing them (i.e. names) is a kind of addition done by some narrators."²⁴¹
3. Sheykh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said after he mentioned both narrations that are well known by the whole Islamic nation and that mentioned the Names of Allaah The Almighty. They are the two narra-

237 Tadlees means a narrator reports a Hadeeth in a way that gives impression that he heard the Hadeeth directly from the narrator he mentions while he actually heard it through someone else in between. (Translator)

238 Idraaj means additional speech in a Hadeeth from one of the narrators that is mistaken to be from the statement of the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him. What is meant here is that a group of scholars believe this list of 99 names to be the addition of one of the narrators and not from the statement of the Messenger of Allaah, peace and blessings be upon him. (Translator)

239 Refer to *Fat-h Al-Baari* by Ibn Hajar (11/29) and *Al-Asmaa' Al-Husna* by 'Abdillaah Al-Ghisn (115).

240 *Bloogh Al-Maraam min Adilat Al-Ahkaam* Hadeeth No. (1396).

241 *Al-Asmaa' Al-Husna* by Prof. Mahmood 'Abdur-Raaziq Ar-Ridhwaani (1/97).

tions reported by At-Tirmithi in his book; *Al-Jaami'*, and Ibn Maajah in his book; *As-Sunan*, then said: "The scholars of the science of Hadeeth have agreed that both narrations cannot be authentically ascribed to the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, and they are not from the words of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him; but rather, they included some words of the Salaf (righteous predecessors)."242

The narration of At-Tirmithi mentioned some added names and they are as follows:

Names that are derived from the verbs:

Such names can in no way be attributed to Allaah The Almighty for many reasons. Amongst them are:

1. Derivation is a kind of inventing the noun form. This cannot be accepted for the Names of Allaah The Almighty are never something to be invented; but rather, He The Exalted as the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "O Allaah, You are the First and there is nothing before You; You are the Last and there is nothing after."243
2. Because deriving the Names of Allaah The Almighty from His actions indicates a condition which the religion has not come with and this goes against the explicit proofs of the Noble Book and Honorable Sunnah. Allaah The Almighty says:

{It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allaah and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair.} [Al-Ahzaab: 36]

Because the characteristics of the noun differs linguistically and technically from the characteristics of the verb. Noun indicates generalization, comprehensiveness and inclusiveness

242 Ibid.

243 Reported by Muslim.

of the characteristic of the verb. Amongst such that are the verbs of Al-Makr (planning) and Ghadhab (Anger). Allaah The Almighty says:

{But they plan, and Allaah plans.} [Al-Anfaal: 30]

Then is it possible to derive the noun from the verb? It is not linguistically²⁴⁴ or technically possible to do so. Also, the verb Al-Ghadhab (Anger) in the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{O you, who have believed, do not make allies of a people with whom Allaah has become angry. They have despaired of [reward in] the Hereafter.} [Al-Mumtahanah: 13]

Then is it possible to derive from such verb a name for Allaah The Almighty? It is not at all possible.

3. We have known that All the Names of Allaah The Almighty are Tawqeefiyyah (i.e. limited strictly to that which is mentioned in the Quran and authentic Sunnah) and mind has nothing to do with them. Our role is just to preserve and not to derive and invent them.²⁴⁵
4. Because Allaah The Almighty is the best One Who can describe and praise His Exalted self. So if this praises (i.e. that Allaah The Almighty made) is a noun, then it will be the best in thanking and praising Him The Exalted. If what is reported takes the form of an attribute, then it will be the best in its position as an attribute for Him The Exalted. If what is reported is in the verb form, then it will be the best in praising and commending Allaah The Almighty in this form. This is what the humans cannot realize, comprehend or contain. Therefore, the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "I cannot praise You enough; You are as You have praised Yourself."

244 Noun in the Arabic language has some characteristics that are unlike that of the verb such as having the article of definition, Tanween, preposition and annexation.

245 Excerpted from the book entitled "*Al-Asmaa' Allaah Al-Husna*" by Prof. Mahmood 'Abdur-Raaziq Ar-Ridhwaani (1/105). It is the best thing mentioned in this regard. May Allaah reward him for us and Islam the best.

In the following lines, we will mention some of the names that are proved not to be among the Most Beautiful names of Allaah The Almighty:

1 and 2- Al-Khaafid Al-Raafi' (the Degradator, the Exalter): They substantiated their opinion with the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "Allaah, may He be glorified and exalted, does not sleep and it is not befitting that He should sleep. He lowers the Balance and raises it."²⁴⁶

They are not reported in the noun form, but rather they are reported in the verb form. So they are not proved to be among the Most Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty?

3 and 4- Al-Mu'izz (the Honourer) and Al-Muthill (the Humiliator): The proof of those who attributed them to Allaah The Almighty is the words of Allaah The Almighty:

{You honor whom You will and You humble whom You will. In Your hand is [all] good. Indeed, You are over all things competent.} [Aal-'Imraan: 26]

They also cannot be included among the Most Beautiful Names because they are verbs.

5- Al-'Adl (the Just): It was reported in a form in which Allaah The Almighty commanded Justice in His Exalted saying:

{Indeed, Allaah orders justice and good conduct.} [An-Nahl: 90]

It is not also proved.

6- Al-Jaleel (The Majestic) this form also was neither reported in the Book nor in the authentic Sunnah; however, what is mentioned in this regard is found in the words of Allaah The Almighty:

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Reported by Muslim (179).

{Blessed is the name of your Lord, Owner of Majesty and Honor.} [Ar-Rahmaan: 78]

7 and 8 - Al-Baa'ith (Resurrector), Al-Muhsi (the Reckoner): They are only reported in their verb forms in the Holy Quran. Allaah The Almighty says:

{On the Day when Allaah will resurrect them all and inform them of what they did. Allaah had enumerated it, while they forgot it; and Allaah is, over all things, Witness.} [Al-Mujaadilah: 6]

They are mentioned in the verb forms as we can observe and they are not from the Names.

9 and 10 - Al-Mubdi' (the Originator), Al-Mu'eed (the Restorer): Those who attributed to Allaah The Almighty such two names substantiated their opinion by the words of Allaah The Almighty:

{Indeed, it is He who originates [creation] and repeats.} [Al-Burooj: 13]

They are two verbs as you see and have nothing to do with the Names.

11 and 12 - Al-Muhi (the Giver of Life), Al-Mumeet (the Taker of Life): Those who attributed to Allaah The Almighty such two names substantiated their opinion by the words of Allaah The Almighty:

{He gives life and causes death, and to Him you will be returned.} [Yoonus: 56]

They are two verbs and are not from the Names.

The word Mumeet is mentioned in a limited form and does not make any sense alone. It is in the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{Indeed, He who has given it life is the Giver of Life to the dead.} [Fussilat: 39]

Also, the noun form is not mentioned alone in this form.

Names mentioned in a weak proof:

13 and 14 – Al-Waajid (The Finder) and Al-Maajid (The Noble): Both names are mentioned in a weak Hadeeth. It was reported by At-Tirmithi on the authority of Abu Tharr, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: Allaah The Almighty said: "That is because I Am Al-Waajid (The Finder) and Al-Maajid (The Noble). I do whatever I want."²⁴⁷

It is well established that the beliefs cannot be proved with a weak Hadeeth. Rather, the most important matters of beliefs ever are the Names and Attributes of Allaah The Almighty. Thus they are to be taken from authentic evidences.

15 and 16 - Al-Muqsit (The Equitable): Those who gave Allaah The Almighty such two names substantiated their opinion by the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{Say, [O Muhamad], "My Lord has commanded equity.} [Al-A'raaf: 29]

It is just a command from Allaah The Almighty with equity. It is not a Name of Allaah The Almighty as you see.

Some Names mentioned annexed and were not mentioned independently. Amongst them are:

17 and 18 – An-Noor (the Light) and Al-Badee' (the Originator): Those who gave Allaah The Almighty such two names substantiated their opinion by the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{Allaah is the Light of the heavens and the earth.} [An-Noor: 35]

It is mentioned restricted, annexed and compound from two words (**Light of the heavens and the earth**), if the word of An-Noor (light) mentioned alone or the word of heavens and earth deleted, the verse will not make any sense. That is not the way of the noun; but rather if the noun mentioned independently, it surely makes sense such as: **{It is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful}** and **{And He is the Hearing, the Seeing.}** and so on.

19- Also the name of Al-Badee' (the Originator) is mentioned in

²⁴⁷ Reported by At-Tirmithi in *Sifaat Al-Qiyaamah* (4/656) (2495) and Al-Albaani deemed it Da'eef (weak) in *Da'eef At-Targheeb wat Tarheeb* (1008).

restricted way in the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{Originator of the heavens and the earth.} [Al-Baqarah: 117]

So if the word of heavens and earth deleted, the word Al-Badee' will not make any sense. Accordingly, it can be established in this form.

20 and 21- Al-Daarr (the One who harms), Al-Naafi' (the One Who benefits): No evidences reported them except in a form other than that of the noun as the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{And if Allaah should touch you with adversity, there is no remover of it except Him.} [Al-An'aam: 17]

As you see it is a name of harming not a Name for Allaah The Almighty and as the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "Know that even if all mankind were to come together to benefit you in some way, they could not do so unless Allaah has decreed that for you, and if they were to gather together to harm you in some way, they could not do that unless Allaah has decreed that for you."²⁴⁸

22- Al-Jaami' (the Gatherer): It is mentioned in the saying of Allaah The Almighty:

{Our Lord, surely You will gather the people for a Day about which there is no doubt.} [Aal-'Imraan: 9]

It is also one of the annexed names; Jaami' An-Naas (Gatherer of people). It was mentioned independently and thus it cannot be mentioned alone without such addition.

23- Al-Maani' (the Withholder): Those who gave Allaah The Almighty such name substantiated their opinion by the saying of the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him: "O Allaah, none can withhold what You give and none can give what You withhold." It is as you see it is derived from the verb form.²⁴⁹

24- Ar-Raashid (The Guide): Those who gave Allaah The Almighty such name substantiated their opinion by the words of Allaah The Almighty:

248 Reported by At-Tirmithi in the book of *Sifaat Al-Qiyaamah war Riqaaq wal Wara'* (4/667) (2516).

249 Reported by Al-Bukhaari.

{Or whether their Lord (really) intends to guide them to right course.} [Al-Jinn: 10]

As you see it is not from the Beautiful Names of Allaah The Almighty. It is in the object form.

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