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Important Note

- 1) In the writings we have honestly tried to clarify the truth as much as possible. But human effort is not free from errors. Therefore, if there is any error, it is not intentional, but it is accidental. Therefore, if there is any deficiency, please inform us, we will be very grateful to you.
- 2) Love and respect for the Creator and the best of His creations, the Prophets (peace be upon them) is the basic condition of faith. Moreover, the honor and respect of the pious and righteous people is also obligatory on us. Therefore, in the selection of words, we have tried to observe all possible ethics and respect. But the content on social media can be easily changed. Therefore, if any objectionable words based on profanity are seen in our content, then it must have been distorted by someone in our writing. So in this situation. You must confirm from us.

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List of Acronyms

S/N	Word	Meaning
1	SWT	Sunhanhoo –Wa-Ta'ala
		Title to glorify the Creator
2	PBUH	Peace be upon him
3	Hadith	Saying of Prophet (PBUH)
4	Sunnah	The way of Prophet (PBUH)
5	Prophets	Messengers (chosen people) sent by
		Creator for the guidance of humanity
6	Hazrat	Title used to honour great persons
7	Ameen	"O Allah accept my call" and is said after a dua (prayer)



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(In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful)

Worth Noting!

Rare diamonds are not easily found. The bigger the goal is, the more effort will be required to achieve it. There is no one greater than Allah, the Lord of the World, so will He be found without great effort and sacrifice? This is the biggest misconception of the man. He is ready to go through any hardship to get every valuable thing in the world, but the majority of us are not thirsty of this most precious treasure. However, even among those who are seeking Him, the majority is in the cycle of shortcuts.

The sure path to reach Him, which is described by the Quran and Sunnah, is generally very unpleasant to our nature. Therefore, the majority are not willing to know the real path and follow it. Moreover, instead of self struggling, man looks for guides who can take them to their destination without doing anything. Although there is no such shortcut to reaching Allah. This is the reason why we are far from reality and despite countless religious leaders, groups, and hard work day and night, the result is nothing!

To find God is a distant thing, due to the journey without the true guidance of the Quran, we continue to sink into the quagmire of moral decline, corruption and worldly humiliation.

In this writing, in the light of solid arguments, <u>a sure path has</u> <u>been opened</u> to get out of the aforementioned whirlpool and worship Allah, but if someone really seeks this path!

Note: This writing has been written in the form of a summary in which a few necessary arguments have been explained to avoid length, while the other verses has been referenced for detailed study of the readers.



Faith in Allah and Friendship with Allah

Belief in Allah, i.e., acknowledging the existence of Allah, is important in its own right, while having a relationship with Allah, His friendship, and being close to Him are of separate importance. As far as faith in Allah is concerned, Muslims, believe in Him, and besides atheists, all non-Muslims, Jews, Christians, etc., also believe on Allah.

Believing in Allah is not enough, but it is only when:

- (1) Allah is considered to be the only God, free from polytheism, and no one else is worshipped, and
- (2) After believing in the Creator, His <u>orders should also be obeyed</u>, that is, one should live one's life by observing the Creator's "commands and limits". As a result, one gains that true relationship with Allah, which leads to achieving the desired goal. Otherwise, even the disbelievers, including the people of Islam, acknowledge the existence of Allah, but due to polytheism and evil deeds, the result is nothing. The subject of this article is not about the arguments for believing in Allah, but rather it clarifies the sure path of relationship, friendship, and closeness to Allah. As far as faith in Allah is concerned, for this, contemplation of the Wise Quran and the

vast signs of Allah spread throughout the universe are the means of faith and certainty in Allah, as the Lord said:

"And for those who have faith, there are many signs on the earth and in yourselves. So do you not see (i.e., do you not reflect and think)?" (Al-Dhariyat: 20-21)

On this subject, i.e., belief in Allah, people have written many articles, and our article "The existence of God" also presents solid evidences on the subject. After this introduction, we now come to our main topic, that what is the way to attain a relationship with Allah?

Relationship with Allah?

In this short article, the greatest secret of life has been revealed, that is, how can one attain the relationship of Allah? How can one attain friendship with Him? In this regard, it is first important to know what is the meaning of attaining a relationship with Allah or finding Allah?

The meaning of relationship with Allah?

Everyone claims to have a relationship with Allah, but the meaning of having a relationship with Allah is that, Allah also accepts it as His Own, i.e., likes him. Allah's relationship with the man occurs through the "heart and mind" of the man. When Allah accepts someone, then it has great consequences on the life of a person, some of which have been pointed out at the end of this article. However, the basic result is that:

"A person comes to piety as he deserves, gains a firm faith in monotheism in the transparent light of the true guidance (i.e., the Quran and Sunnah), and, along with aversion to polytheism, lexicalism, negligence, sin and disobedience. Hate to unnecessary worldly pursuits, control over the desires and inclination towards righteous deeds. He also gains Allah's support and help in worldly matters, well-being, ease and heart satisfaction".

Levels of Relationship with Allah

The following are the two basic levels of relationship with Allah.

First level: This is the form of relationship with Allah in which a person decides to fully observe only the essential religion (obligations and duties, lawful and unlawful, responsibilities in the rights of the servants, what is right and what is wrong) and does not target the level of goodness that goes much further. As a result of this decision, a relationship with Allah is also formed, but very clear faith qualities do not appear. According to the law of Allah, as a result of this relationship, there will be a reckoning on the Day of Judgment and the shortcomings due to ignorance will be forgiven, and finally this lucky person will be given the book of deeds in his right hand and admitted to eternal comforts. For details, see Quran: (Al-Najm:53:32), (Al-Waqiah:56:14-7), (Tuba:9:112)

Next level: This is a major decision, that is, a level further from responsibility, moving beyond justice to the level of

goodness. Those who take this initiative are the fortunate ones who will become close to Allah in both this world and the Hereafter. Allah will love them as He said:

"So Allah gave them the reward of this world and the best reward of the Hereafter. And Allah loves the doers of good." (Aal-e-Imran:3:148)

These are the fortunate ones who will be granted the highest ranks of Paradise on the Day of Judgment without any reckoning. This is the way to live according to the Greater Meaning of Life. After observing the basic responsibilities (obligations), the following are the basic goals for moving further according to the greater purpose:

(1).Preaching (i.e. family, friends and beyond),(2). Remembrance of Allah and extra worshiping, (3). Spending more than Zakat, (4). Patience, gratitude and contentment, (5). Service to mankind: Serving God's creation, the country and the nation with one's abilities and means for the sake of Allah's pleasure.

To be determined to advance in them according to one's ability is to take one's relationship with Allah to the <u>next level</u>. To attain this happiness, firm decisions and full struggle and sacrifice are required. For details, see Quran:

(Al-Waqiah:56:14-7), (Dhariyat:51:19-15), (Al-Baqarah:2:112), (Luqman:31:22), (Nisa:4:125)

Furthermore, to be ready for 'Jihad' when necessary to defend Islam and the country and nation. But Jihad is not something that everyone should stand up individually against every one, rather it is a very serious responsibility that is undertaken under the call of the Islamic government against the infidels in the face of unavoidable circumstances, in order to defend Islam, the people of Islam and the country and nation. Depending on the nature of the circumstances, this can be both obligatory requirement or optional.

Now we come to our main topic, how can a relationship with Allah be established? People have written a lot on this, written big articles and told big stories, which generally do not prove to be effective. The majority, is not much interested in this path, but those who are willing to find this path, they are looking for shortcuts only. The following are 'five basic reasons' for not reaching the reality:

1) Instead of fulfilling all the necessary orders of religion, following a partial religion. Those orders of religion that do not cause obstacles in the path of our desires, but those orders that cause our desires and life to be affected we leave them. Finding Allah through such behavior is a very distant thing, rather, a person becomes humiliated by Allah's grip and hypocrisy.

(See: Al-Bagarah:2:85 and Al-Hajj:22:11)

Remember! Unless one fully submits one's mind to the commands of Allah with his will, nothing will happen.

- 2) A major misconception of this path is that the majority believes that this journey is not for us to undertake ourselves, but it is for some big people: mentors, scholars, guides etc. However, the teacher's job is to guide the path, while the student has to take the exam himself.! When you yourself are seeking a relationship with Allah, then the exam should be yours and not someone else's in your place.!
- 3) Instead of getting solid and certain guidance from the guides towards the destination according to the Quran and Sunnah, getting imperfect guidance. Rather the majority of guides are just sitting for robbery etc. When the input is not pure, the track is not right, then how will the destination be reached?
- 4) The absence of good intentions and 100% sincerity, but rather the consideration of other interests (wealth, honor, fame, sectarianism) under the guise of Allah.
- 5) This path is both long and difficult. That is, it is only after a long period of perseverance that things become clear. A lot of patience is needed here. Usually, people lose courage quickly due to haste. But Allah takes the sincere people by hand and ultimately paves the way for them to reach their destination.

By the grace of Allah Almighty; after a long time thinking on Quran and Sunnah, benefiting from countless scholars, based on experiences and observations, and in the light of solid knowledge, a solution based on a few points has been presented on this great topic in a very concise manner, which, will prove to be the cause of a sure result. In order to reach the destination, it is necessary to deeply think over each word of this writing and act on it in depth. This path is not easy, but in this writing, the sure solution has been made very clear in a very concise manner, which will be a source of ease.



Goals to the Destination

There are five goals in total to this great path:

- 1) Good intention, i.e. sincerity
- 2) Thirst and determination/firm decision
- 3) Struggle: Making a full effort to reach Allah with priority and preference
- 4) Steadfast during test/trial phase, and
- 5) Holding on to the rope of Dua (prayer).

The basic motivations that can be the initial reason for the yearning for this great path and adopting it, i.e. on the basis of which Allah decides to choose a person, are:

(1). The presence of truth, honesty in the mind, and the absence of distortion of the sound nature, (2). The presence of the spirit of self-sacrifice instead of usurping the rights of others, (3). Having a sense of compassion for the creation, following the path of forgiveness instead of revenge, instead of causing suffering to people, sharing conveniences as much as possible, (4). Having a good environment, (5). Facing a

major deprivation in life (illness, accident, death of a close loved one, loss of wealth and property, etc.).

Based on these qualities, some loss of this life is bound to happen, but as a result of it, something that cannot even be imagined is obtained, namely the Creator.!

Now we explain the detail of aforesaid goals to reaching to God.

(1). Good Intention, i.e. Sincerity

The first condition to find God is that the intention should be 100% pure. There should not be any kind of impurity, deception, fraud or adulteration in the intention. Nothing is possible without sincerity. Only the one who is sincere will be able to escape from hands of the devil, as the devil himself admitted:

"Iblees (devil) said (O Lord) by Your honor, I will snatch away (humanity) except those of Your servants who are sincere among them." (Su'ad: 38:82-83)

The Lord has made it clear that the only obedience acceptable to Him is that which is pure, as stated:

"Beware! The only religion acceptable to Allah is that which is pure (for Him alone)." (Zumar:39:3)

He further said:

"Except for those who repent, reform themselves, and hold fast to Allah and make their religion pure for Him, then they will be in the company of the believers (in Paradise), and Allah will give the believers a great reward." (Nisa:4:146)

In this regard, the Messenger of Allah said:

"Whoever dies sincere to Allah alone, worshipping Him alone, establishing prayer and paying zakat, will die while Allah is pleased with him."

(Ibn-e-Majah, Mustadrak al-Hakim:362/2)

For more evidence in this regard, see Quran:

(Ankabut:29:69), (Al-Baqarah:2:257)

So it has become clear that the biggest reason for being deprived of this great path is the lack of complete purity.

Purity means that the purpose of effort is:

"To find Allah, to achieve His pleasure or to achieve the hereafter's success."

Therefore, it is necessary to first check oneself thoroughly and to see if, under the guise of finding Allah, the idols of desires are not hidden inside. Without inner cleansing, Allah cannot be found. Therefore, the following obstacles that stand in the way of sincerity should be removed first, i.e., under the guise of finding Allah i.e. looking for:

(i). Position, status, honor and fame, (ii). Wealth and other worldly interests, and (iii). Being obsessed with cultivating one's own, sect and instead of Islam (Quran) blindly following other personalities instead of following the Prophets (PBUH).

In this regard, the following points need to be strictly observed:

a) A person who has not seen wealth and fame usually becomes a snatcher in the cover of Mentor. Since these idols of lust do not come out, they disguise themselves and sit inside him and a person becomes a money catcher. Then he starts robbing people in the name of Allah. In this regard, in the context of the temptations of the present era, the famous Pakistani intellectual 'Ashfaq Ahmed' has given great guidance, which has proved very effective for me in finding my destination, He says:

"The purpose of life is responsibility and the greatest responsibility is to give hand in the hands of Allah....... Generally, if there is no 'thief' in a person's heart, then the destination becomes very easy. If a rich person decided, he reaches the great court in a very short time... In some corner of a poor person's heart, the love of wealth, the love of comfort, the desire for a bright future... is hidden. He covers it up, this thief does not come out., disguises itself and hides somewhere in the heart, that is why the poor man sits as a robber, cannot move forward. The main thing is to remove the

desire from the heart. The rich man's heart is full. The poor man's heart has a desire to obtain, he hides the idols of desires in his sleeves...... so clean your heart first and see where there is dirt in it.....?." (Mun-Chala Ka Sauda)

But if a poor man becomes contented (which is a very difficult task), then he can surpass even the rich man. Because deprivations are assets. If a deprived person becomes contented, he is in the position of patience, which is a very great position. This is an investment with God, which is bound to be immensely rewarded.

b) On the other hand, sectarianism is a double-edged sword that leaves nothing to man. The example of salvation from sectarianism is like a pair of glasses with colorless lenses, through which everything is seen in its original color. While the example of sectarianism is glasses with colored (red, green, blue, yellow...) lenses. Whatever color the glasses are worn, things will be seen in that color. That is, such people will present the Quran and Sunnah in their own color through interpretation and distortion, and instead of drawing near to Allah, they will deserve Allah's wrath, as the Lord warned:

"Indeed, those who distort Our verses (remove them from their original meaning) are not hidden from Us. Is he who is thrown into the fire better or he who comes on the Day of Resurrection in peace? Do whatever you want (but

- remember) that Allah is indeed seeing of what you do." (Hameem Sajdah:41:40)
- c) Knowledge is very important, but with sincerity, even a little knowledge is enough, but in the absence of sincerity, even great degrees, experience, libraries and piles of books are of no use. Therefore, the traveler on this path needs to first of all examine himself thoroughly and check whether the above-mentioned objectives are not in view under the guise of Allah? Otherwise, the journey will not be able to begin and nothing will be achieved. An example of lack of sincerity is multiplication by zero. No matter how big the amount is, when multiplied by zero, the result becomes zero. Similarly, all the hard work of day and night will ultimately prove fruitless due to the lack of sincerity.
- d) By acquiring the wealth of sincerity, a person becomes the same inside and outside. He likes to live on the same standard for himself and for others. It is not that he is one thing in front of people and in some other form in private, but his private and public life become the same because he takes every step with the knowledge of the One Who is the Knower of the Unseen, Who is aware of the secrets of the breasts and the betrayal of the eyes.

In this regard, a Pakistani scholar "Wasif Ali Wasif" described the recipe for finding Allah as follows:

"Reduce the difference between inside and outside, and you will find Allah."

- It is very easy on tongue, but it is so difficult to fulfill it that it can't be imagined but with the blessing of Allah!
- e) Moreover, unless all the necessary commands of the religion are fulfilled instead of partial preferred religion and one does not fully submit oneself to the commands of Allah with his heart & soul, the matter will not be resolved. (See: Al-Bagarah:2:85 and Al-Hajj:22:11)

It is not an easy task to avoid these obstacles, but it is more difficult than climbing mountains. Remember! Allah never wastes the sincere people, if milk is prepared for yogurt at the right temperature, the process of curd formation will inevitably begin. The first biggest obstacle in not getting results is the lack of sincerity. And this is the big problem of the Muslim Ummah today due to sectarianism and materialism.

This is a brief description of the first obstacle of this great path, which needs to be well remembered.

2. Thirst and Determination/Firm Decision

After sincerity, the next step to achieve any goal is to make a firm decision. The time for decision comes when doing something is considered inevitable, when there is a thirst and yearning within a person to achieve the goal. Unless a decision is made, the journey towards the destination cannot begin. Therefore, if you have got rid of the obstacles in the path of purity, then now make a firm decision to find this

great path so that the vehicle starts moving. The second step to attaining Allah in the presence of sincerity is to make a firm decision to turn to Allah in the presence of a strong thirst and yearning to attain this path, as the Lord has said:

"Allah chooses for Himself whom He wills and guides to Himself whoever turns (to Him)." (Al-Shura:42:13)

That is, whoever decides to find God, turns towards Him, is attracted towards Him, any one who is thirsty for Him, then the Lord begins to open the ways of His path.

(3). Struggle and Sacrifice

Empty claims will not work, but output will have to be given. The third condition of this great path is 'struggle and sacrifice'. In order to find Allah, one will have to adopt the path of excellence by making Allah the first priority of life. If someone has decided to do MBBS degree, then he will not sleep with his cloak on! Rather, he will rise up and take all possible steps to achieve the goal. You won't get anything by sitting at home. You will have to work hard for it. You will have to sacrifice your life, property, and time. Moreover, one will have to develop a passion and desire to understand the Quran, learn the religion and convey it to others. In this regard, the Lord gave a very important message, He said:

"And those who strive for Us, We will certainly open to them Our ways, and indeed, Allah is with the doers of goodness." (Ankabut: 29:69) Here, both the conditions of sincerity and Struggle (جَاحَدُوْا فِيْنَا) have been stated together and with full impact. The Creator has made His law clear on humanity that whoever sincerely strives to reach Allah, Allah will become the "doer" and open His ways for him in any case. That is, Allah will put him on His own path. Even if the direction is wrong, but there is one hundred percent sincerity, effort and sacrifice, then Allah Himself will correct his direction. The most important thing in this regard is that the sure path to Allah is the path of the 'Quran' and then the 'Sunnah' which is for further clarification and practical form of the Quran. It is not possible to truly find Allah without coming to this path. And Allah Himself guides the sincere and yearning people to this path.

In this regard, keep this in mind that unless you spend "wealth" and other beloved things (time, life, abilities....) for Allah, the matter will not be fulfilled. The Lord has said:

"You will never attain righteousness until you spend from that which you love." (Al-e-Imran:3: 92)

And the great guidance of an enviable life is as follows, Allah said:

"Those who spend in prosperity and in adversity, and those who suppress anger and forgive people, and Allah loves the doers of good." (Al-e-Imran: 3:134)

For further explanation in this regard, see Quran:

(Al-Hujurat:49:15-14), (Al-Hadeed:57:12-11), (Munafiqun: 63:10-9), (Al-Bagarah: 2:177,274), (Al-e-Imran:3:180)

If you want to find Allah, then decide to <u>spend money</u> for Allah in addition to Zakat, according to your ability, i.e. for (religious needs: in the expenses of mosques, religious propagation, the exaltation of religion i.e. for establishing religion and human compassion) otherwise no result. The prescription for spending money in the way of Allah is:

"Whether you are rich or poor, allocate a part of your income or salary every month for Allah according to your ability. As soon as you get your salary, set it aside for Allah first. Whenever you get any extra money apart from your regular salary, then with a happy heart, according to your ability, you should immediately spend some of it."

Where will the money come from?

Instead of spending a lot of money to raise the standard of living, real needs should be taken into account. Life should be brought to middle level, at least that each person should adopt middle level according to his status, unnecessary needs and desires should be curtailed. In this way, money will definitely saved which can be spent in the path of Allah. This patience done here, will definitely become the cause of salvation in the hereafter and eternal luxury and comfort.

(4). Steadfastness during the Trial Phase

Now the last step of this great path is left, which is very difficult. Apparently it is bitter, but in reality it is very great in terms of result. One should never ask Allah for difficulty, always pray for well-being and ease and try for the same. Rather, to become effective, it is very important to increase one's ability through education and skills, and to take full care of one's "health" through balanced diet and exercise. But the law of Allah is that before He grants anything, He will must test you, as the Lord has made clear His law to humanity in two clear words, He said:

"Does a person think that he will be left just because he says, 'I believe,' and will not be tested? Indeed, those before them were also tested, so Allah will surely test the truthful and the liars." (Ankabut:29:2-3)

It is in the context of the revelation of these verses that when the Companions complained to the Prophet (PBUH) about the oppression and cruelty they were being subjected to by the disbelievers of Mecca, the Prophet (PBUH) said:

"This oppression and cruelty is part of the history of the believers. The believers before you were treated like this: a pit was dug and they were made to stand in it, and then saws were driven over their heads, which split their bodies into two parts. Similarly, iron combs were used on their flesh up to their bones, but these tortures

did not succeed in turning them away from the true religion." (Bukhari:6943)

Among the Prophet's (PBUH) companions were also Hazarat Bilal and Miqdad, Hazrat Suhaib, Hazarat Ammar, his mother, and his father Hazrat Yasir... (may Allah be pleased with them) were also severely oppressed, but they remained steadfast. We are nothing, these were great people whom Allah made pass through a very difficult test to elevate them to a great height.

But it is a matter of worry that if it is difficult for us to adopt the duties and obligations and avoid the forbidden, then what will happen with us...? In any case, we are not capable of such tests, may Allah forgive us, may He overlook our shortcomings and grant us a life of faith with well-being and ease. But when a calamity comes, God forbid, we need to be alert that a test has came and we must stand firm against it. Lest we turn away from faith at that time due to complaining, complaining about Allah and taking the path of impatience. May Allah protect us. (Ameen)

For further guidance in this regard, consider the following sayings of the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

 "Whomever Allah intends good for, He afflicts him with hardship." (Bukhari: 5645) "When Allah intends good for His servant, He punishes him (for his sins) in this world, and when He intends evil for his servant (because of his own malice), He withholds from him the punishment for his sins (in this world), until He punishes him in full on the Day of Resurrection."

(Tirmidhi:2396)

• "When Allah loves a people, He subjects them to trials."

• (Tirmidhi, Ch: Al-Zuhed)

 "The believing man and woman are continually tested in their lives, through wealth and children, until they meet Allah in a state where no sin remains on them (due to patience in hardships)."(Tirmidhi: 2398)

For further explanation of the same law, see the following verses of Quran:

(Al-e- Imran:3:186), (Al-Baqarah:157-155:2,214), (Tobah:9:111)

Remember! Faith is built through effort, sacrifice, and steadfastness in the test. It is also a principle of this life that one has to pass a test to achieve any ability, position, or status. We are not afraid of the trails for this life, but when it comes to religion, a person becomes angry.

As a result of the test, some loss to this life is bound to occur, but as a result of it, something unimaginable is to be gained, i.e. the friendship of Creator!

To be aware of the reality, let us keep in mind some important facts in this regard:

Admission is granted after fulfilling the above conditions. Now the test is to be taken according to the degree. A small degree, a small test, and a big decision, a big test, as the Messenger of Allah (**) guided us:

"It was asked from Prophet (PBUH): Which people suffer severe pain? He said: Prophets, then a person is tested in stages according to his belief. If he is firm in his religion, then the test is also severe, if there is softness in his religion, then the test is also in accordance with him. The test does not leave the person, until the he walks on the earth (due to patience in hardships) no sin remains on him. (Tirmidhi: 2398)

At the beginning of the journey, Allah Almighty will create attraction to guide him on the path. He will be blessed with guidance and mercy, but after he has firmly adopted this path, the stage of trial will begin. This will depend on the capacity of the person.

The minimum test: It is to care the commandments and avoid prohibited items, the permissible and the forbidden, the obligatory duties, the limits of Allah as they are rightly observed, and the life is lived by curbing one's desires. Unless all the necessary commands of religion are fulfilled instead of partial religion and one does not fully submit oneself to the commands of Allah with joy, the matter will not be resolved.

In any case, Allah will test in various ways (life, health, wealth, property, loss of things), Creator will must recognize whether one is right or wrong? To know Allah, one will have to be patient, control desires, abide by the limits, and stand in front of the thorny branches of temptation (trial). This first stage can last for a year, two, three, four or five years....., according to the will of Allah. This is a very difficult stage of this path. Do not be afraid, it is a test of one's courage, which can also be passed with the help of Allah. Relationship with Allah, the final reward and the reality of this world, i.e. its temporary nature and its being a place of trial.... make these sufferings bearable. In any case, if sincerity is present, Allah Himself will make one pass through the various stages of the test. Upon passing the test, Allah will hold the hand of a person. He strengthens faith and leads to piety.

In this regard, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) guided as follows:

"Whoever has three characteristics will find the pleasure and sweetness of faith: (1) Allah and His Messenger (PBUH) are more beloved to him than everything else (in the entire universe), (2) He loves whoever he loves only for the sake of Allah, (3) He considers returning to disbelief after Allah as bad as being thrown into the Fire." (Bukhari: 16, Muslim: 43)

The love of Allah and the Messenger (PBUH) means that the care of Allah and His Messenger i.e. the religious requirements are more beloved to him than everything in the world.

Result: After enduring the first shock of trial, man will now come under the special support and help of Allah. He will develop hatred for sin and a great desire for righteousness. Solitude and remembrance of Allah will become desirable to man. Man will start considering his free moments as a treasure. Earlier it was difficult to come towards good deeds, now it will be difficult to deviate from good deeds. Now Allah Almighty will save him from prejudice, narrow-mindedness, ignorance and bring him towards the light of the Quran. Reason, insight and the light of the Quran will open the paths of true guidance for him. Control over desires and true purification will begin, so now:

- The filth of polytheism will be replaced by the light of monotheism.
- The evils of sectarianism and indiscriminate personality worship are replaced by the transparent guidance of the Prophethood. Having the ability to keep in mind the true requirements of the Prophethood, that is, to have faith, love from the heart and soul, courtesy and respect, obedience and following, avoidance of exaggeration, adherence to the Sunnah instead of self made things, and sending blessings and peace with love, etc. It is necessary to appreciate religious figures and their courtesy and respect, but we must avoid placing them in the position of prophethood at all costs.

 And instead of worldly devotion, the Hereafter will be given priority, which will lead to controlling the desires of the soul and liberation from vices.

Unless a person truly cleanses himself of the abovementioned impurities and comes to prioritize monotheism, prophethood, the Sunnah, and the Hereafter over this world, he cannot reach to Allah. In this regard: For real guidance on monotheism, prophethood, and worldliness, see our follwoing articles:

("A Comprehensive Concept of Monotheism", "The Real Concept of Prophethood", and "The First hurdle in the Path of Success", "way to control desires")

All these books are in urdu language, it is hoped to be coveted into English in future.

In the presence of sincerity, as effort and sacrifice increase, the sweetness of faith will also increase as the relationship and closeness with Allah increases. The big & small trails will keep coming and going. But now faith has become very strong. Therefore, now the trials will be passed very easily.

Anyway, the summary is that: As a result of the trials, Allah Almighty achieves the following objectives regarding the believers:

(1). Distinguishing between the true and the false, (2). Making faith strong, (3). Getting them back on the right track by freeing them from the very powerful magic of desires and

worldliness, (4). Making expiation for sins, (5). Making a means of raising their ranks, etc.

The subject matter has become quite clear from the solid arguments of the Quran and Sunnah, however, the following statements of two scholars of the present era are very noteworthy in which they have explained this law of temptation of the Quran very well.

Thus, Maulana Amin Ahsan Islahi Sahib (may Allah have mercy on him) writes:

"Allah Almighty does not put his servants in such tests so that people will lose their faith, but these tests are a manifestation of Allah Almighty's mercy and grace. Through these tests, the abilities of the human's are developed. Through them, their powers and abilities are utilized whose treasures nature has deposited within them. Through them, a distinction is made between the pure and the impure, the true and the false. If this test were not there, there would be no difference between the good and the bad, the raw and the mature, the thorny and the prickly. If you think about it further, you will find that the entire beauty and all its wisdom and blessings of this universe are hidden in this Sunnah of temptation of Allah Almighty. If this were not there, then all this the factory should remain a game of play, without any wisdom or interest.

(Tadabar-e-Quran, Tafseer: Al-Baqarah:2:157-153)

Rehan Ahmed Yousufi, known as Abu Yahya, described the above reality in following words:

"This is the law of trial. Whoever follows the path of God, after a short while, he has to go through some test or the other. If this test does not happen, people may die. God does not want to see His righteous servants dead. Therefore, He strikes their souls after a short while. This strike, strikes the instrument of the heart whose ecstatic melody brings the believing servant closer to God. But this is happen at a later stage. When this strike hits, it shatters the person like a hammer."

(God is speaking, p. 122, Abu-Yahya, Anzar Publishers)

Trial or Punishment?

Are the problems that come upon man are as a test or trial or as punshiment? In this regard, the following points should be kept in mind as a guide:

- Every difficulty that ultimately leads to a return to Allah is a trial, on the contrary, that which leads to a distance from Allah is a punishment. Difficulties that come as a test create courage and hope instead of despair. While the affliction that comes as a catch and punishment leads to hopelessness, disappointment and ultimately distance from Allah.
- 2. The problems that comes as a test can usually end quickly instead of lasting long and instead of bringing

- destruction, ruin and death, it gives life (but this is not necessary, and Allah knows better)
- 3. For the believers, the test can be for the elevation of the ranks of the righteous and as a punishment to erase the sins of man. One should not be afraid, in both cases the sufferings that come are ultimately a cause of goodness and mercy. Faith becomes a source of strength only after passing through the furnace of trial.

Life has to vanish, but gain is, if we get the aforementioned good fortune? May Allah grant us His support and the great wealth of true faith and its sweetness and pleasure. (Ameen)

(5). Holding on to the rope of Dua (Prayer)

The four conditions mentioned above will prove fruitful in terms of relationship with Allah, but since the door of every good has to be opened ultimately by the Creator. Therefore, along with our efforts, we should also keep praying and supplicating to Allah so that it becomes easier to reach the destination. Despite of his highest position and rank, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) used to pray frequently day and night. Therefore, never give up the practice of prayer. Along with effort, one should always pray to the Lord with humility to avoid the temptations of the self and the devil.

By keeping these 'five (05) essentials' in mind, the desired result will definitely be achieved by the grace of Allah Almighty.



Some Results of Relationship with Allah

As it has been made clear before that, if milk is aimed for yogurt in the presence of the appropriate temperature, the process of turning into curd begins and it inevitably turns into curd. Similarly, if a correct relationship with Allah is established based on true faith, its results and fruits inevitably appear. The most important thing is that one will be blessed with a relationship with the Creator of the universe, with His friendship, which will lead to countless fruits, including steadfastness in religion, as the Lord has made clear the truth:

"Allah keeps the believers firm with the word of truth in this worldly life and in the Hereafter. And, Allah leads astray the wrongdoers. And Allah does what He wills."

(Ibrahim:14:27)

Allah Almighty instills the light of faith in the hearts of true believers, which causes them to love righteousness and hate sin. The Lord said:

"But Allah has endeared faith to you and has made it deep in your hearts and has made disbelief, wickedness and disobedience hateful in your eyes. These are the ones who are guided by the grace of Allah and His favor. And Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise." (Al-Hujurat:49:8-7)

Allah takes His persons out of darkness and leads them to light:

"The protector and helper of the believers is Allah Himself, He leads them out of darkness into light, and the protectors of the disbelievers are the devils, who lead them out of light into darkness." (Al-Baqarah:2:257)

And the greatest happiness is that the pious are blessed with the company of Allah and Allah loves them. What else does a person need? The Lord gave this great good news as follows:

"And care for Allah, and know that Allah is with the righteous." (Al-Bagarah:2:194)

"Yes, whoever fulfills his covenant and fears Allah, then indeed, Allah loves the righteous." (Al-Imran:3:76)

So, let us see some of the basic fruits that are obtained as a result of the decision of relationship with Allah, especially at the level of goodness:

1) Strength of faith: Believers are not exempted from being deficient and lacking due to ignorance, but due to their relationship with Allah based on firm monotheism, they will be endowed with such a strong strength of faith that it will become a leaden wall against evil. Allah Almighty instills the light of faith in the hearts of true believers, which causes a desire for righteousness and aversion for sin. Moreover, despite the lack of wealth, one is blessed with high morals, a thirst for the heart, self-sufficiency and the wealth of believe.

- 2) **Priority and preference:** One will be blessed with a priority faith, which will cause a strong yearning to achieve the purpose of life and lead to the level of goodness. Allah will become the first priority and a passion and enthusiasm for righteous deeds to arise.
- 3) The light of monotheism: Aversion to superstitions and self made acts, a strong hatred of polytheism and a strong love for monotheism will arise, which will lead to a true relationship with Allah in the light of the clear guidance of the Messenger of Allah (PBUH i.e. through the Quran and Sunnah).
- 4) Sacrifice: The spirit of sacrifice will be born, which will lead to the courage to stand up to fulfill the religious requirements (observance of the limits, fulfillment of the commands and avoid prohibitions, spending and serving the people, including the preaching) while putting worldly interests above the rest, and will lead to doing something great for the religion and coming to the greater meaning of life.
- 5) Trust in Allah and patience in adversity: By getting rid of the filth of polytheism and coming to firm monotheism,

one will be blessed with the great happiness of trusting in God and entrusting matters to Him, which will lead to patience, contentment, peace and tranquility. Due to which, the satanic fears that hinder the path of goodness will be destroyed and worldly interests will not be able to become an obstacle in the way of fulfilling religious requirements. Moreover, one will be blessed with patience, independence and steadfastness in the face of hardships and sufferings. Whoever trusts in Allah, Allah becomes his protector and is sufficient for him (see Talaq:65:2-4). Trust and delegation do not mean turning away from the things, but trust and delegation means entrusting the results to Allah after adopting reason, understanding, insight, effort and permissible means.

- 6) The reality of the world: The transitory nature and inferiority of the world will become clear. The importance of this life will decrease and the value of the Hereafter will increase greatly. It is necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of other people's rights, including the right to one's own body, but it will become very difficult to be attracted to worldly pursuits. On the contrary, there will be an attraction towards solitude and remembrance of God, and the spell of unnecessary desires will be broken.
- 7) **Heart sensitivity:** By removing the rust, one will be freed from the hardness (insensitivity) of the heart. Sensitivity of the heart will be achieved significantly, and the special

people of Allah will also begin to have the great happiness of having their eyes moistened with the fear and love of Allah. They will begin to find passion, desire, and pleasure in worship, see Quran: (Maryum: 19: 58).

- 8) Taste of faith and miraculous support: Those who remain steadfast in faith in difficult situations, will begin to receive such great spiritual comfort from time to time through the special mercy of Allah and the angels that cannot be described in words, see: (Hameem-Sajdah: 41: 32-30). As far as the matter of supernatural support and help is concerned, the real thing is not miracles but perseverance. However, people consider miracles to be the real measure of their relationship with Allah, although the miracle that was given as proof of prophethood to Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) was the Quran. This miracle was given for until the Day of Judgment. However, the special people of Allah, the Prophets (PBUH) in particular, and non-Prophets in general, that is, in unavoidable situations, God also grants miraculous support and help as per His wisdom, will and necessity. But for non-Prophets, the appearance of such things is not necessary, rather, steadfastness in religion and faith is the real measure and standard, which we should keep our eyes on.
- 9) **Worldly benefits:** As far as worldly benefits are concerned; salvation from poverty and humiliation, well-being and ease, salvation from calamities, protection

from enemies.....etc. then Allah generally saves His special people under His will (as long as He wants, i.e., deems it better) from the aforementioned calamities, takes them out of the whirlpools that come in life, and makes life easy (see Talaq:65:2-4). However, even if there are hardships, they become the cause of further reform, forgiveness of sins and elevation of ranks. Moreover, God arranges to protect His special people from mental anguish and humiliation through the wealth of patience and steadfastness. God supports His special people in both this world and the Hereafter and blesses them with His long lasting blessings.

How to be Steadfast?

Now we will explain the prescription for those fortunate enough to find this path to remain on this path. Therefore, remaining on this path is not possible unless one strictly avoids bad company and adopts good company. In this regard, keep the following important points in mind:

1. Company of Good People: Those people who are people of the Hereafter's concern, people of monotheism and people of the Prophethood (means following the path of Prophets instead of non-prophets being followed blindly), who are away from the curse of sectarianism. That, whose base of guidnace is the Quran. Stay in touch with them for the sake of Allah. Contrary to these

qualities, the company of religious people will cause harm instead of benefit.

- 2. **Connection with good books/speeches:** Stay connected with good books/speeches (especially the understanding of the Quran), the Quran is the real way to find God.
- 3. **Good Places:** Spend time at good places; mosques, graveyards, places of solitude... etc.

Remember! Company is just like a magic that must have effect. A person has to become like his environment and company, as the Messenger of Allah (**) said:

"A man is on the religion of his friend, so each of you should be careful with whom he be friends."

(Abu-Dawud: 4833)

That is, as a person is, so will his friends too. If a good person stays in the company of bad friends, it is likely that he will eventually become bad too. So the one whose company is not good is doomed. He will come on the powerful magic of the devil. Therefore, if you want to avoid the veils of the self, then immediately avoid bad company, bad friendships, and bad environment and adopt the aforementioned good environment, otherwise it is not possible to keep on right track. For awareness of the evidence in this regard, see the following references:

(Nisa: 4: 97-99), (Al-Furgan: 25: 29-28), (Al-Kahaf: 18:28), (Bukhari: 5534)

I am grateful to Allah Almighty, who kept me alive until the completion of this most precious writing of my life and opened the true guidance that revealed the sure path to reach Him. May Allah grant us this great happiness, grant us the ability to fulfill our duty by conveying this great light to others, and grant us His eternal relation in this world and in the Hereafter. (Ameen)



Hurry Up!

There is an uncertain wall between our life and death. Every moment there is fear that this wall will break and the realities of the hereafter life will burst upon us like an immense flood. At that time, no force, no intelligence will work. Then we all have to stand in front of our Creator completely helpless.

Away from the Quranic orders, self-made thinking, following wrong beliefs and actions due to sectarianism, people who always remained indulged in desires, lost in the worldly charms, oblivious to the hereafter..... They will be put in eternal hell.

Only those people will be protected who understand the teachings of the revelation and accept it, One who, patiently controlling his desires, must have reckoned himself in the life of the world before appearing the Creator.

Therefore, avoid the deception of the cunning devil and save your this and the hereafter unlimited life by recognizing the truth as soon as possible. Hurry up, Allah guides us:

"And (O people!) follow the best thing (Quran) which has been sent down to you from your Lord before a sudden punishment comes upon you and you are un-informed. (Don't let that happen) Then you started saying, Oh, sorry! Because of the negligence that I did towards Allah. Oh, I remained among the mockers, or he said that if Allah had guided me, I would have been among the pious people, or (on the day of Judgment) after seeing punshiment, he said, oh I wish! Somehow, if I am sent back (to the world), I can also join the good people. (God will say) yes, yes! Surely, My verses (Quran) had reached you, which you denied and were remained arrogant, and you remained among the disbelievers" (Alzumar: 55-59)

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 - 3) The way to God......(Completed)

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to do it in future but need volunteers to help us & to seek great reward from
Allah.

A Message of Love

We love all the people in the universe to whom the message of truth could not reach. We wish them well. We want to see them to succeed in this world and the hereafter. With these sentiments and good wishes, we only request them to take some time out of their lives and read this noble article once and decide with their intellect whether this message is based on reality or not? If this is the truth, then accept it. Your this and the hereafter's life will become great blessing. This life of a few days is very precious. This temporary life is a testing ground. Live with understanding. Make the truth & fairness the aim of life, surely, you will reach the reality. May God make you successful (Ameen).

Urgent Request

By the grace of Allah, the solid track to reach to God has been presented in this text. For the love of Allah and compassion for His creatures, please contribute according to your abilities. Convey it to the people of the world so that they too can get out of the darkness and can adopt the great path of reality. Surely, you will get a great reward from the Creator.

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