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Leads to Peace of Mind**

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Introduction

The following short book discusses some things which help to Remove Doubts Over the Holy Quran. This discussion is based on Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, Verses 23-24 of the Holy Quran:

“And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down [the Quran] upon Our Servant [Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him], then produce a surah the like thereof and call upon your witnesses [supporters] other than Allah, if you should be truthful. But if you do not - and you will never be able to - then fear the Fire, whose fuel is people and stones, prepared for the disbelievers.”

Implementing the lessons discussed will aid a Muslim to Adopt Positive Characteristics. Adopting Positive Characteristics Leads to Peace of Mind and Body.

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Chapter 2 - Al Baqarah, Verses 23-24

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِّثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾

فَإِنْ لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ ۖ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾

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Generally speaking, the root of doubt is ignorance. When one fails to learn and act on the Holy Quran and the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, they will be left with weak faith. Weak faith leads to doubting the promises and threats of Allah, the Exalted, and as a result, one will not strive to obtain His promises nor avoid His threats, which involves using the blessings one has been granted in ways pleasing to Him, as outlined in the Holy Quran and the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. The rightly guided avoid doubts by learning and acting on Islamic knowledge. This has been indicated in the earlier verses of this chapter. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verses 2-5:

“This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah. Who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them. And who believe in what has been revealed to you and what was revealed before you, and of the Hereafter they are certain [in faith]. Those are upon [right] guidance from their Lord, and it is those who are the successful.”

It is important to note that there is a big difference between the one who possesses strong faith and the one who is simply stubborn on their faith. The former learns and acts on Islamic knowledge and improves their behaviour and actions with the passing of time so that they increase their sincere obedience to Allah, the Exalted. Whereas, the stubborn muslim is ignorant of Islamic knowledge and simply blindly imitates others. As they avoid learning and acting on Islamic knowledge, they will not improve their behaviour and actions with the passing of time and in difficult situations they will find it extremely difficult to remain patient, even if they manage to hold onto their faith. One must avoid stubbornness, which is rooted in blind imitation, and instead adopt certainty of faith through learning and acting on Islamic knowledge. This will ensure they remain firm on the sincere obedience of Allah, the Exalted, in all situations and far away from any doubts which can corrupt their faith.

Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 23:

“And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down [the Quran] upon Our Servant [Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him]...”

The next thing to note is that the highest station a person can achieve is being a devoted servant of Allah, the Exalted. If there was a higher rank than this, Allah, the Exalted, would have called the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, according to it. Even Prophethood itself is rooted in servanthood to Allah, the Exalted. It is the very reason why the station of Prophethood is so high and lofty. One must therefore avoid worldly ranks, which are fickle by nature and lead to nothing

but stress and trouble in both worlds. This has been indicated in a Hadith found in Jami At Tirmidhi, number 2376. The Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, warned that craving for wealth and social status is more deadly to one's faith than two hungry wolves which are let loose on a herd of sheep. The one who behaves in this manner will ignore the obedience of Allah, the Exalted, and as a result, they will lead a difficult life in both worlds, even if they have the world at their feet. Chapter 20 Taha, verses 124-126:

"And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed, he will have a depressed [i.e., difficult] life, and We will gather [i.e., raise] him on the Day of Resurrection blind." He will say, "My Lord, why have you raised me blind while I was [once] seeing?" [Allāh] will say, "Thus did Our signs come to you, and you forgot [i.e., disregarded] them; and thus will you this Day be forgotten.""

Instead, one must strive to achieve the highest rank possible by becoming a sincere servant of Allah, the Exalted. This is only achieved when one practically follows in the footsteps of the greatest servant of Allah, the Exalted: the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. Chapter 3 Alee Imran, verse 31:

"Say, [Prophet Muḥammad, peace and blessings be upon him], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins..."

As servanthood to Allah, the Exalted, protects one from becoming a servant and slave to all other things, such as social media, fashion, culture and people, one will achieve peace of mind and success in both worlds. Chapter 16 An Nahl, verse 97:

"Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do."

As the non-muslim Arabs were masters of the Arabic language, Allah, the Exalted, laid down a permanent challenge to them and by extension to all mankind to produce a chapter similar to the Holy Quran in order to prove that its origins is not divine. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verses 23-24:

"And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down [the Quran] upon Our Servant [Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him], then produce a surah the like thereof and call upon your witnesses [supporters] other than Allah, if you should be truthful. But if you do not - and you will never be able to..."

This challenge is not only to produce verses which match the rhythmic style of the Holy Quran but to produce verses and a chapter which matches

every aspect of the Holy Quran, such as its all encompassing nature, its ability to be applied to every situation, in every place and time, its ability to be understood and applied by ignorant and knowledgeable people, its ability to provide practical advice which can be easily applied in one's life instead of presenting concepts which sound useful but cannot be applied practically.

To sum up, when studying the Holy Quran one will realize that it contains different levels of knowledge through both obvious and subtle meanings. Chapter 11 Hud, verse 1:

“...[This is] a Book whose verses are perfected and then presented in detail from [one who is] Wise and Aware.”

The expressions in the Holy Quran are unparalleled and its meanings are explained in a straight forward way. Its words and verses are extremely eloquent and no other book can surpass it. The Holy Quran mentions the history of the previous nations in detail even though the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, was not educated in history. It commands every good and forbids every evil. Those which affect an individual and those which affect the entire society, so that justice, security and peace spreads throughout every home and community. The Holy Quran avoids exaggerations, lies or any falsehood, unlike poetry, stories and fables. All the verses are beneficial and can be applied practically to one's life. Even when the same story is repeated in the Holy Quran, different important lessons are highlighted. Unlike all other books, the Holy Quran does not bore a person when it is repeatedly studied. The

Holy Quran provides promises and warnings and supports them with undeniable and clear proofs. When the Holy Quran discusses something which can seem abstract, such as adopting patience, it always provides a simple and practical way of implementing it into one's life. It encourages people to fulfil the purpose of their creation, which involves sincerely obeying Allah, the Exalted, by using the blessings they have been granted in ways pleasing to Him, thereby ensuring they obtain peace of mind and success in both worlds. It makes the straight path obvious and appealing to the one who desires peace of mind and real success in both worlds. The knowledge of the Holy Quran is timeless as it can be applied to every society and age. It is a cure for every emotional, economical and physical difficulty when it is understood and applied correctly. It provides the solution for every problem an individual or an entire society can ever face. One only needs to observe history and how the societies which implemented the teachings of the Holy Quran correctly benefited from its all-encompassing and timeless teachings. Centuries have passed yet not a single letter has been changed in the Holy Quran, as Allah, the Exalted, promised to preserve it. No other book in history possesses this quality. Chapter 15 Al Hijr, verse 9:

“Indeed, it is We who sent down the message [i.e., the Quran], and indeed, We will be its guardian.”

Allah, the Exalted, discussed the root problems found within a community and detailed the practical remedy for all of them. By correcting root problems, the countless branch problems which stem from them would automatically be corrected. This is how the Holy Quran addressed all the things a person and society need to succeed in both worlds. Chapter 16 An Nahl, verse 89:

“...And We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things...”

This is the greatest timeless miracle Allah, the Exalted, bestowed upon His final Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. But only those who seek and act on the truth will benefit from it whereas those who seek their desires and cherry pick from it will only encounter loss in both worlds. Chapter 17 Al Isra, verse 82:

“And We send down of the Quran that which is healing and mercy for the believers, but it does not increase the wrongdoers except in loss.”

And chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verses 23-24:

“And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down [the Quran] upon Our Servant [Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him], then produce a surah the like thereof and call upon your witnesses [supporters] other than Allah, if you should be truthful. But if you do not - and you will never be able to - then fear the Fire, whose fuel is people and stones, prepared for the disbelievers.”

Allah, the Exalted, specifically threatened the non-muslims of Mecca and the people of the book with the fire of Hell, as they were certain of the origins of the Holy Quran and the truthfulness of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. The non-muslims of Mecca were masters of the Arabic language and clearly recognized its divine origin as they could not match a single verse of the Holy Quran and as they had spent their lives with the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, they knew he possessed the character of a Holy Prophet, peace be upon them. The people of the book in Medina recognized the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and the Holy Quran as they had been discussed in detail in their divine scriptures. Chapter 6 Al An'am, verse 20:

“Those to whom We have given the Scripture recognize it [the Holy Quran] as they recognize their [own] sons...”

And chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 146:

“Those to whom We gave the Scripture know him [Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him] as they know their own sons...”

The only thing that prevented both groups from accepting the truth was their love for the worldly things they had gained through following their own

desires, such as wealth and social status. They understood that submitting to Allah, the Exalted, through Islam meant that they had to behave and use the blessings they had been granted in ways pleasing to Him. As their desires for worldly things were too strong, they rejected Islam.

Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 24:

“...then fear the Fire, whose fuel is people and stones, prepared for the disbelievers.”

Generally speaking, the fire is the abode of the disbelievers as they failed to fulfil the purpose of their creation. Chapter 51 Adh Dhariyat, verse 56:

“And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship [obey] Me.”

Just like an item which fails to fulfil its purpose of creation is labeled a failure and is discarded, so will the invention named human be discarded on the Day of Judgement if they fail to fulfil their purpose of creation.

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