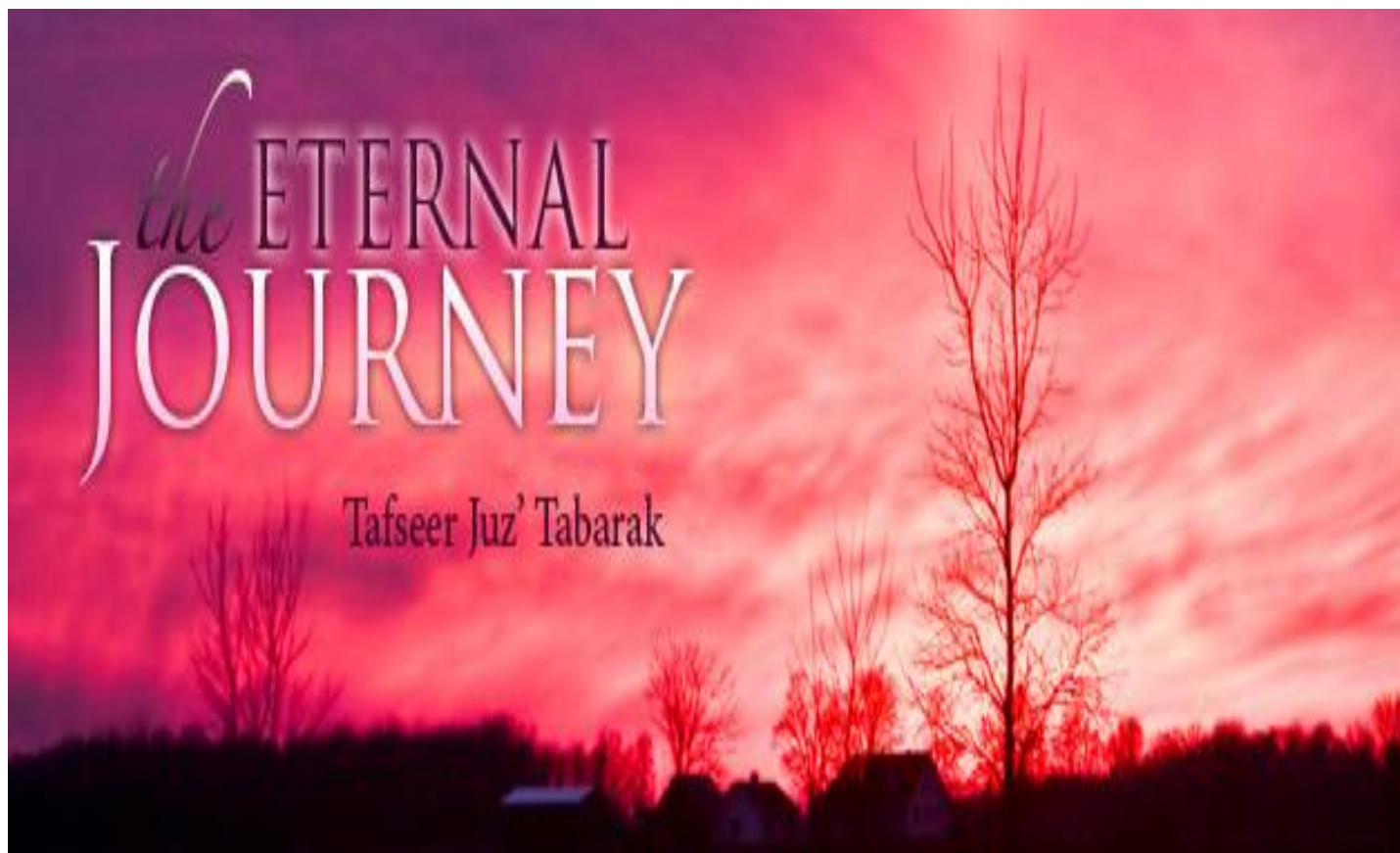


QABEELAH FALAAH THE ETERNAL JOURNEY NOTES



INTRODUCTION TO TAFSEER JUZ TABARAK

Respond to the Quran!

- Allah says “Ya Ayuhalladhina amanu” (يا أيها الذين آمنوا) in the Quran 89 times – talking to the believers
 - This phrase is always followed by telling the believers to do or not do something
 - Every time we hear this phrase, we should say “**Naam Ya Rabb**” (نعم يا رب) Meaning: “**Yes Oh Lord**”
 - Ex. Surah 66, Ayah 6 – Allah says “O you who believe, save yourselves and those who are close to you from the Hellfire” – only Allah can tell us how to do this
- The Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) was told by Allah in the Quran that “You cannot get the dead to hear you” – referring to those who have dead hearts
 - A heart that does not have any Quran in it is a dead heart
 - The example of those who remember Allah and those who do not remember Allah is like those who are alive and those who are dead
- If we believe, we must to act – true beliefs are translated into action
- Those who are dead do not respond if you call them ; those who have dead hearts do not respond to the call of Allah

Levels of Abandoning the Quran

- Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) complained about his Ummah in the Quran to Allah (S.W.T) when he says “O Allah, my people have abandoned the Quran”_(Surah_Al-Furqan 25:30)
 - **There are 5 levels regarding your relationship with Quran:**
 - 5- Reading it
 - 4- Reflecting on it
 - 3- Understand it's meaning
 - 2- Apply the meaning of it in your life
 - 1- To give Dawah with the Quran and teach it to others.
 - Abandoning the Quran is also in levels – it involves abandoning any of the five things above
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A Bit about the Shaytan

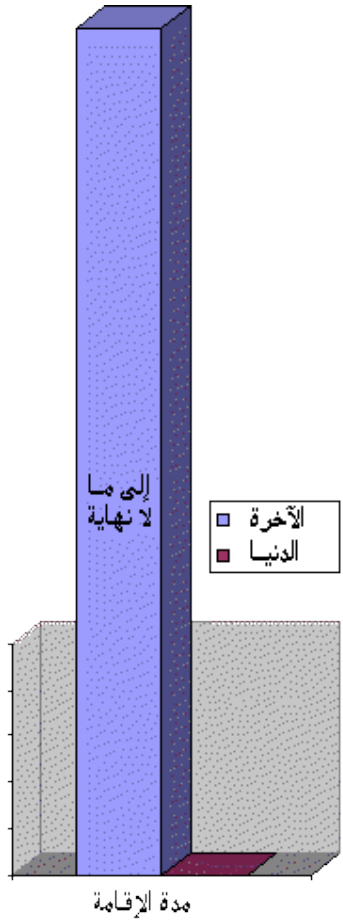
- Every person has an angel and a Shaytan with them – even the Prophet Muhammad(S.A.W)
 - STORY- It was Aisha’s night (Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) visited his wives on different days) and he was late on this particular day to her house. Allah revealed to Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) that Aisha was worried. The Prophet, upon entering the house, asked Aisha what her Shaytan was telling her (i.e. ill thoughts). Aisha surprisingly asked the Prophet if she had a Shaytan with her. The Prophet said when every person is born; a Shaytan is born with them. Aisha asked if the Prophet even has a Shaytan with him and he said yes, but Allah guided his Shaytan so he embraced Islam.
 - The disobedient amongst the jinn are called Shayateen.
 - Shaytan and the TV - Shaytan works on you by taking small steps, eg. Telling you that you’re tired, just turn on the tv to see what is happening in the Muslim world, but you end up watching a whole movie
 - Do what you intend to do so that Shaytan doesn’t lead you to take these steps
 - One of the most dangerous traps of Shaytan is procrastination – Ask for forgiveness from Allah always because death can happen at any place, age and time
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Seeking Knowledge

- First word Allah revealed was “read” (Surah Al-Alaq) – shows the importance of getting knowledge
 - 5 rewards for being in a gathering remembering Allah: Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) said when a group of people gather together and recite and study the book of Allah together:
 1. The Angels are with them
 - In another narration, Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) said Allah created angels who travel around the world trying to find a gathering that is remembering Allah. Once those angels find such a gathering, they call each other to come to the group. The angels keep fluttering with their wings between the gathering and the first Heaven
 2. People in the gathering are encompassed with the mercy of Allah
 3. Tranquility descends on the people in the gathering from Allah
 4. Allah is mentioning every person in the gathering by name in a gathering of angels
 5. Upon leaving the gathering , Allah will forgive all of their sins
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The Dunya vs. The Hereafter

- “Dunya” – one meaning is the lowest of the low (أَحْقَرُ); another meaning is very short or near (من الدنوّ) . For example, a father may name his daughter Dunya to mean “you are the nearest to my heart”
- In the sight of Allah, the Dunya is NOT EVEN equal to or worth the wing of a mosquito
- 1 day in the Akhira is equal to 1000 years of our calculations today
- Allah mentions many times in the Qur’an describing Akhira as “khalideena feeha abada” (خالدين فيها أبداً) meaning you will be there for eternity
 - There is no end in the Akhira – people will not get old, get sick or die in the Akhira, these are the concerns of people in the Dunya
- If you compare the Dunya to the Akhira, the Dunya is like what you get if you put your finger in the ocean and take it out (hadith)



Real Gold vs. Fake Silver

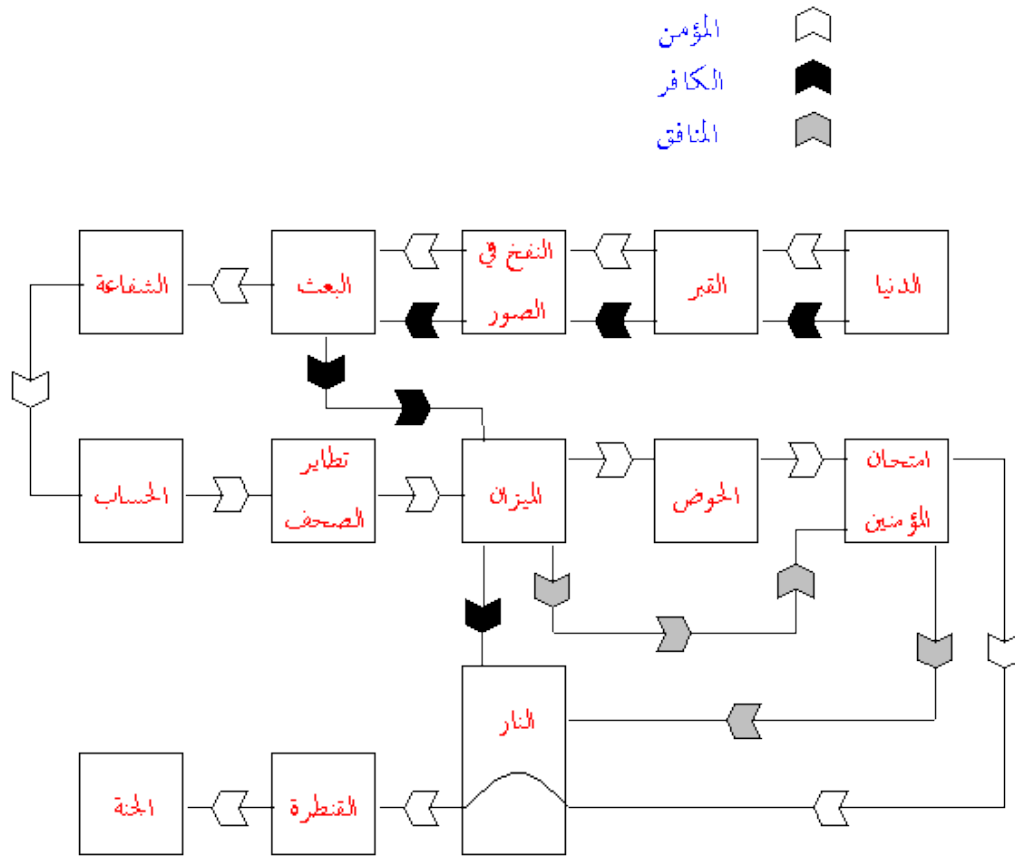
- If someone offers you fake silver and real gold, which would you take? Most of us are taking the fake silver by choosing this Dunya
 - We work for the Dunya way more than we work for the Akhira
 - For example, at work we make sure we do everything properly because of our boss but what about the Lord that created us in the first place- shouldn't we perfect our prayer, character, our life for Allah?
 - On the other hand, when we pray, our body is present but our minds and hearts are not – even though it is only we who benefit from prayer (We need the prayer, not Allah; we need to connect to our creator! Allah does not need us! He is above all wants and needs! Yet many of us think that we are doing Allah a favor by praying to Him!).
 - All our senses are present in the other things we do like work, but they are not present in our Salat. Why?
 - There is a special Shaytan for Salat named Khanzil – he comes and reminds us of everything but Salah because he doesn't want us to get the Ajr (reward) for our Salat
- Whoever loves the day he meets with Allah, Allah will love that day when He meets with him; Whoever hates the day he meets with Allah, Allah will hate that day when He meets with him
- Aisha asked whether the fact we hate to die means we hate to meet w/ Allah. The prophet – peace be upon him said: No, but when a person dies, he is either a believer who has prepared for death, or a person who has not prepared for it
 - If he is a believer, the angels will come and gently take out his soul and he will love to meet with Allah
 - If he is not a believer, the angels will come and tear out his soul and he will hate to meet with Allah
- If everyone prepared themselves for the exam of the Day of Judgment the way we prepare ourselves for exams in this life, we wouldn't have any regret on the Day of Judgment
- As for those who are not prepared to meet with Allah, what occupied them in the Dunya?
 - They were content with the worldly life
 - But we can't take any of the things that make our worldly life content to the grave – the only things we can take with us to the grave are our deeds
- Every single day Allah sends us signs – people love the Dunya, but when will they take heed?

- When death comes, the person will ask Allah to give them a 2nd chance and send them back to the Dunya, but there is only one life, there is no second chance
 - Don't hold fast to an ending life
 - People want Allah to give them everything they want in life and they want to use everything they are given for themselves, and then they still want Jannah
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Three Types of People – Believers / Disbelievers / Hypocrites

- The first 20 ayahs of Al-Baqarah classify the 3 types of people:
 1. Believers – described in Ayah 3 to 5
 - Believers have 5 characteristics (as mentioned in Surat Al-Baqarah)
 - They believe in the unseen
 - Establish regular prayers
 - They spend from that which that which they have been given
 - They believe in the Quran and all previous books of revelations
 - **They have firm belief in the Hereafter (al-Akhira – الأخرة)**
 - These are the people who are guided and those who are successful, ie those who will succeed on the Day of Judgment
 2. Disbelievers – described in ayahs 6 to 8
 3. Hypocrites – described in ayahs 8 to 20
 - Try to deceive Allah by showing Iman and hiding kufr inside – don't know that they can never deceive Allah
- In Surat Hud, Ayah 3 – people are classified as 1 of 2, the most miserable or the happiest
 - Allah defines misery and happiness
 - Misery – those who end up in Hellfire
 - Happiness – those who go to Jannah
 - People only get to Jannah because Allah guided them

Overview of the Eternal Journey



- The eternal journey starts in the Dunya; then we die, go to the grave; then the horn is blown and everybody is resurrected (every night we go to sleep and wake up in the morning we are being resurrected)
- Believers and disbelievers then take different paths when they are resurrected
 - Disbelievers go directly to the scale where their deeds are weighed **whereas**
 - The Believers go for intercession
 - **Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) said to deserve intercession on the Day of Judgment, when we hear the adhan, repeat after then muadhin and then say the dua**
- then the Believers go for judgment, and then the Believers records' are given to them
 - Some receive their records in their right hands and some in their left hands; some people hide their left hands behind their back because they don't want to receive their book in the left hand, and then they receive their book behind their back
- Hypocrites appear at the scale

- Disbelievers go directly from the scale to Hellfire
 - If a person dies w/out believing in Allah as the only God worthy of worship, they go straight to Hellfire; Allah rewards them in this life for whatever good they do
- Hypocrites skip the fountain, Al-Haut, where the water comes from Al-Kauthar
 - M waiting for the believers at the fountain of Al-Haut and will give them a drink from that fountain; M said whoever drinks from this fountain will never be thirsty again
- The prophet - peace be upon him - said that many of people of his Ummah will be rushing to Al-Hawd (الحوض) on the Day of Judgement, but many angels will prevent them from coming. The prophet – peace be upon him will inquire why, and he will be told that they were merely Muslims by name and they didn't follow the Sunnah of the prophet – peace be upon him. Then the prophet will say “may Allah destroy these people”
- Last stop is meeting with Allah
 - Everyone who used to worship something other than Allah will have it brought to them on the Day of Judgment; this happens until only the believers and the hypocrites are left
 - The believers will make sujood, but the hypocrites will be unable to make sujood and will be taken to hellfire
 - The believers will then have to pass by hellfire, but not enter hellfire
 - Surah Maryam, ayah 19 – everyone of us will pass hellfire on the sirat; how easy it is for us to cross the sirat depends on our deeds in the Dunya

Bankruptcy on the Day of Judgment!

Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) asked do you know who is bankrupt amongst my Ummah? It is the person who comes on the Day of Judgment w/ zakat, Salat, hajj and voluntary acts of worship, but he oppressed people. All of these people will take from his good deeds, and if he runs out of good deeds, these peoples' bad deeds will be given to him

- Some believers will make it one step away from Jannah but because of their oppression of others, they will go to hellfire

Gems and Stories

- Word “La’an” (لَعْن) in the Quran means excluding someone from the mercy of Allah – **we shouldn’t curse anyone because to curse someone means to exclude them from the mercy of Allah**
 - We can complain **to** Allah, but never complain **about** Allah
 - The only reason Allah seals our hearts is because of our sins – each time we sin, a drop of black is added to our hearts; when the black covers our hearts, our hearts are sealed
 - In the Quran, the word “dhalim” (ظالم) doesn’t just mean someone who is unfair, it can also mean a disbeliever or a hypocrite
 - **Tagwa** – one definition is to make a barrier between you and Hellfire; also means God consciousness
 - We have control over ourselves today; on the Day of Judgment, Allah will be in control
 - STORY - Young Sahaba named **Rabia** (ربيعة) who assigned himself the job of serving the Prophet water. Keep in mind that he was 16 while the Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) was almost 61. Rabia stood by the Prophet’s door constantly to offer him water for wudu. Rabia would hear Prophet Mohamed saying “Subhana Rabbia Allah” in sujud at night. Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) came out of his room one day and he saw Rabia was standing with water for him. Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) told Rabia to ask him for something - anything he wanted. **Rabia didn’t answer right away but asked the prophet for some time to think.** When he thought it over, Rabia said that just as he is with the Prophet now, he wants to be with the Prophet in Jannah – he realized the meaning of Jannah. **Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W.) said if Rabia wanted to be with him in Jannah, he should do lots of sujud, i.e. do lots of extra prayers**
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