The Purpose of Creation

& The Return to the Creator

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful. I begin to write

Introduction

THE innate nature (*Fitrah*) in man recognizes what is good and bad, what is true and false. It recognises that the attributes of God (Allah) must be true, unique, and all-perfect. It does not feel comfortable towards any kind of degradation of His Attributes, nor does it relax towards attributing human-like qualities to the Creator. Many who became "discontent with God" did so because of the practices of the Church in medieval Europe and because of claims such as "God dwells in a son" and that "everyone is born with an original sin". They "escaped" into worshipping a new thing called "mother nature." With the advancement of materialistic technology others from different "religions" adopted the concept of "forget God" and "let us live this life and enjoy it." They revived the old "god" of Rome, the "god of desire."

Today we can see that all of this materialistic progress produced a spiritual vacuum that led to complex social, economical, political, and psychological problems. Many of those who 'fled" their religions (I removed the coma) are in search again. Some try to "escape" the complexity of their daily lives through various means. Those who examined the Qur'an (I removed the period after the word Qur'an and the coma after the word Islam) and Islam found a complete code for life that requires man to fulfil the purpose of his existence on earth. Allah does not want man to be enslaved to any false deity: nature, drugs, lust, money, other men or women, desire, or sex. This holds true for Muslims and non-Muslims as well. He gives the proofs that He Alone is the One Who can deliver man to free himself from the slavery to any form of creation and to turn to his Creator Alone. He is the **First**, nothing before Him. He is the **Last**, everything ends except Him. He is **Most High**, nothing above Him. He is the Lord of Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad, the Praise and Mercy of Allah be upon them all. (I replaced the coma by a period) To Him Alone man must submit.

Mankind must know about the purpose of their existence on earth; their responsibility towards their Creator and what they must do in preparation for the Day on which they will return to Him.

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THE PURPOSE AND THE RETURN

ALLAH created man and man belongs to Him. He (ﷺ) ordained that one day man shall die and return to Him. This world is a transitional period. Allah (ﷺ) wanted man to shape his life according to what He (ﷺ) had decreed. This is the meaning of worship. Worship requires absolute obedience, humility and love for Allah, Who promised an Eternal life in Paradise for those who obey and worship Him alone, and an Eternal abode in Hell for those who reject Him and His orders:

"So those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah) and did righteous deeds will be in Gardens of Delight (*al-Jannah*, Paradise)." (Qur'an 22: 56)

"But those who disbelieve and belie Our *Ayaat* (proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations, etc.) such are the dwellers of the Fire, they shall abide therein forever." (Qur'an 2: 39)

Man's life at home, as a farmer, a car-dealer, an electrician, a computer consultant, a president, a company's C.E., a spouse, etc., has to abide by a way of life according to the guidelines Revealed by Allah. He is the one who defined what is good and what is bad. He stated that:

"Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (in the Oneness & Uniqueness of Allah), verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e., *Al-Jannah*)." (Qur'an 16: 97)

The Revelation contains all the details about what is good and bad. It is not left for the limited nature of man to define what is good and what is bad:

"And We have sent down to you the Book (the Qur'an) as an exposition of every thing and a guidance, Mercy, and glad tidings for those who have surrendered (to Allah as Muslims)." (Qur'an 16: 89)

"The command is for none but Allah. He has commanded that you worship none but Him (i.e. Pure Monotheism), that is the (true) straight religion, but most men know not." (Qur'an 12: 40)

Allah made it clear that:

"Whosoever does righteous good deed it is for (the benefit of) his own self, and whosoever does evil, it is against his own self, and Your *Rabb* (Lord) is not at all unjust to (His) slaves." (Qur'an 41: 46)

The Greatest good is achieved when the believer fulfils the role prescribed for him by his Creator, Allah:

"And I (Allah) created not the *Jinns* and men except they should worship Me (Alone)." (Qur'an 51:56)

The Message of *Islam* fits the *Fitrah* in man. Allah created man in the best form. He (*****) gave this *Fitrah* the ability to believe in the Unseen. The animal lives within the framework of his senses while man can relate to a broader scheme amongst which is the ability to believe in the Unseen. Thus man's soul and its horizon are broader and more open than that of animals. Man knows that the electric current is composed of small particles known as electrons. While we are unable to see these particles, their effects could be seen on an instrument known as the oscilloscope in the form of electron waves. In Nature and in ourselves we can see the Signs of Allah everywhere and we must relate, therefore, to the Creator in the perfect way He has chosen. This is His right upon us: to worship Him Alone. The Prophet Muhammad (*****) asked his companion Mu'adh ibn Jabal:

"O Mu'adh! Do you know what is due to Allah from His lbaad (the created beings) and what is due them? I responded: "Allah and His messenger know best." He continued: "What is due to Allah from His Ibaad is to worship Him alone and never associate any other being with Him. What is due to them is not to punish any person who does not associate anyone (or anything) with Him."

Man, through the faculties that Allah has bestowed upon him, can relate to the unseen atom with its unseen electronic "shells" that build up its characteristics. Man can also relate through his *Fitrah to* his Creator. The *Fitrah* recognizes the Attributes of the true God and His Signs in the creation although it is unable to see Allah in this life. One can then easily understand that the greatest reward Allah had given to the believers is the actual seeing of Himself on the Day of Judgement. Knowing Allah in His Names and His Attributes drives man to fulfil the purpose for his presence on earth as stated in the above verse and in Allah's saying:

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Allah's Attributes and His Signs in His Creation testify for His Oneness and that He is the Only True God who deserves to be worshipped. The rejecting man underestimates His Lord. He may reject any worship to Allah or turn to worship other than Allah. Amongst the rejectionists, there are those who think that this Universe has founded itself or it came to exist by co-incidence. This necessitates that man "has no goal to fulfil," because he came into being without a defined goal! Consequently, a moral or a value system becomes meaningless. Accordingly, man is just a responding "tool" for "mother nature" which, according to Darwin himself, "acts haphazardly"! This way of thinking is aimlessness, and it occurs when man does not recognize his relation with the One who has created life and death, the Universe and everything around man, all in due proportion:

"Indeed Allah has set a measure for all things." (Qur'an 65: 3)

Those who reject man's need to His Creator, Allah, are the aimless ones. Allah refers to them in the Qur'an:

"They have hearts (minds) wherewith they understand not, they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not (the Truth). They, are like cattle, nay even more astray; those! They are the heedless ones." (Qur'an 7: 179)

CREATION IS IN NEED OF ALLAH

Man always looks for what benefits him and what protects him from harm. However, to accomplish this, man must be able to realize what is harmful. He must then know whom he should need, trust, and love so that he can attain what is beneficial as well as feel good about his choice. He also must know the proper and good approach that would make him achieve this goal. This latter condition requires that man:

a) Know about harm

b) What ways can be used to drive harm away

Certainly, man can have no better guidance than that which comes from the One Who has perfected everything, and the One who Has No deficiency in Himself nor in His Attributes. The One Who is Ever-Living and who does not die. There can be no One better than the One Who Has no need for anything; the One Who is Rich; the Giver, the One Who, after all, controls man's soul, and runs all affairs. Man is so poor to Him. He is Allah, the True and only God. Man can bring harm to himself if he seeks other than Allah for help. Allah is the One Who can help man drive away any harm for it cannot occur without His Will and His Power.

Allah (ﷺ) sent down His Books and chose His Messengers to guide man to:

- a) Know His Lord as He (ﷺ) has explained about Himself, and
- *b)* Seek *Him* Alone while living in accordance with His plan.

Knowing Allah's Names and Attributes liberates man from worshipping any form of creation because creation is weak and imperfect and is in need of the Creator, Allah. The knowledge about Allah leads man to know that he is created to live according to Allah's way as revealed to the last Messenger, Muhammad (ﷺ). This Revelation contains a complete code of life. Everything that is beneficial or harmful is established so that man can focus his life around this Revelation. If man commits wrong and knows that Allah is Oft-Forgiving he would turn to Him and to Him Alone seeking His forgiveness:

"Know, therefore, that there is no God who deserves to be worshipped except Allah; and ask forgiveness for your sins." (Qur'an 47:19)

It is wrong to think or believe that Allah created other "gods" besides Him so that man turns to them for help, loves them or fear them, etc. He is the same God of all nations. He does not order that people should make of stars, sun, fire, Jesus, Moses, etc. gods besides Him. He (Most Exalted) cannot be "contradictory." He has one way (religion) that calls man to surrender his will only to Him. He (ﷺ) warned that if man, even Muhammad-ﷺ and any Prophet or Messenger, would take partners with Him, then his work will fail and he will be among the losers:

"And verily, it had been revealed to you (O Muhammad) as has been revealed to those before you: If you join others in worship with Allah (then) surely (all) your

deeds will be in vain and you certainly be among the losers. Nay! But worship Allah and be among the grateful." (Qur'an 39: 65-66)

Let us think what Muhammad (ﷺ), the man-Prophet, who knew Allah best, used to say:

"O Allah, I seek refuge in You for Your Pleasure and against Your Wrath, and in Your Forgiveness and against Your Punishment and in You from You, I cannot Praise You as You can Praise Yourself."

"I have surrendered myself to You, I have directed my face to You, I have entrusted my affairs to You, I have compelled my back to refuge in You, in want and in fright of You, there is no resort nor survival from You except (in turning) to You, I have faith in your Book (i.e., the Qur'an) which You brought down and in the Prophet (Muhammad) you have sent."

When we read in the Qur'an that:

"Whatever of Mercy (i.e., of good), Allah may grant to mankind, none can withhold it, and whatever He may withhold, none can grant it thereafter. And He is the All Mighty, the All-Wise" (Qur'an 35:2),

and when we read:

"If Allah touches you with hurt, there is none who can remove it but He; and if He intends any good for you, there is none who can repel His favour which He causes it to reach whomsoever of His slaves He will, and He is the Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Qur'an 10: 107),

we should be motivated to return to Him Alone at times of ease and at times of hardship.

And when we read that:

"If Allah helps you none can overcome you, and if He forsakes you, who is there, after Him, that can help you? And in Allah (alone) let believers put their trust" (Qur'an 3:160)

The Qur'an, therefore, leads man to a true liberation from any false attachment. It brings peace to the heart. It helps the believer against hypocrisy and all forms of dishonesty. Imagine, for example, a believer facing a problem at work. He sees wrong and faces unlawful practices. He does not fear rejecting what is wrong. He knows that the job is only a mean to gain his sustenance. While he may be unable to correct what is wrong, he knows well that Allah is the One Who provides. If he leaves his job for the sake of Allah, Allah will give him a better one:

"And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him. He will make a way for him to get out (from) every (difficulty), and He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine." (Qur'an 65: 2-3)

The above necessitates that man must depend upon Allah (ﷺ) asking Him Alone for assistance. It also requires that man must love Allah and worship Him alone to gain His pleasure and His help. Is it not true that the people who consider this life as the "Final Goal" end up worshipping many things in it? You see them so careful about "having it all." They torture themselves: pain; difficulty; constant worry; keeping their hands in the banks for loan after loan to keep up with the "demands" of development." They are under the constant threat of fore-closure. They constantly see poverty in front of their eyes. The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"Allah (SW) says: Son of Adam: fill your time with My worship and I will fill your heart with richness, and end off your poverty. But if you do not, I would make your hands fully busy (i.e., in worldly affairs) and I would not end off your poverty."

Our purpose of existence on earth is more meaningful than being slaves to worldly gains. There can be no meaningful life better than that prescribed by our Creator Allah. Every act done according to Allah's way is an act of worship. *Man is the beneficiary and Allah is in no need:*

"O mankind! It is you who stand in need of Allah, but Allah is Rich (Free of all wants and needs), Worthy of All Praise." (Qur'an 35: 15)

THE MODERN CIVILIZAT10N

"We can pray to God yet live life as we like"

Some people think that: to live an Islamic life is 'restrictive'! Islam, however, is the medium code of life. It recognizes that within the *Fitrah* there are motivations that influence man's role on earth:

- a drive to eat,
- a drive to drink,
- a drive to have a home,
- a drive for sex,
- a drive for ownership,
- a drive for success, etc.

Without control, all of these legitimate motives could be very dangerous. What constitutes a perfect control is the discipline that gives an organised manifestation for these motivations without totally abolishing them or becoming enslaved to them. Islam deals with this *Fitrah* by providing a Divine Discipline that elevates man above animals. Man lacks perfect knowledge as well as perfect wisdom. Therefore, he is unable to provide a perfect way of life. Allah, Most Perfect in His Wisdom and Knowledge perfected a course of life and set limitations and rules all of which are beneficial to man:

"These are the limits (set) by Allah, so approach them not." (Qur'an 2: 187)

"These are the limits set by Allah, so do not transgress them." (Qur'an 2: 229)

That is why *Islam* does not condone celibacy because it is against the *Fitrah*. The following incident describes the Islamic stand towards life:

[Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that some of the companions of Allah's Messenger (*) asked his (the Prophet's) wives about the acts that he performed in private. Someone among them (among the companions) said: I will- not marry women; someone among them said... 1 will not eat meat (and fast all day); and someone among them said: 1 will not lie down in bed (and stand in prayer all night). He (the Prophet-*) praised Allah and glorified him and said: What has happened to these people that they say so and so, whereas I observe prayer and sleep too; I observe fast and suspend observing them; I marry women also? And he who turns from my Sunnah (way), he has no relation with me.]"

Islam does not condone the surrender to lust as it is the case in this contemporary "civilization"! Islam recognises the natural inclination of man towards the love of women, children, gold, silver, possessions, etc. Such inclination is essential to drive man towards settlement and civilization:

"It Is He who had brought you forth from the earth and settled you therein." (Qur'an 11: 61)

"Beautified for men is the love of things they covet: women, children, much of gold and silver (wealth), branded beautiful horses, cattle and well-tilled land. This is the pleasure of the present world's life; but Allah has the excellent Return (Paradise with flowing rivers. etc.)" (Qur'an 3: 14)

These inclinations are not the objective! They are to be taken in a balanced way. The way to deal with them is real, and Allah gives a detailed description of the balanced approach that gives man a perfectly balanced pleasure in this life.

The use of the word "restrictive" comes from those who think that they live a "free" life. They accept many man-made restrictive rules that affect every aspect of our lives, although these rules are not perfect because man is imperfect. Man accepts these rules thinking that they benefit him. If the reward is high and the Benefit is eternal, should not man accept what is high and leave what is low? There is no sense in accepting what is lower!

"Would you exchange that which is better for that which is lower?" (Qur'an 2: 61)

"Seeking the perishable goods of the worldly life. There are much more profits and booties with Allah." (Qur'an 4: 94)

"You desire the good of this world, but Allah desires (for you) the Hereafter. And Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise." (Qur'an 8: 67)

This worldly life has good things in it. They are, however, perishable. Allah, The All-Wise, organised the way to achieve what is good without transgressing and/or oppressing others. Capitalism allows ownership without limits. This produces political, social, and economical injustice, as is evident in Capitalist countries. On the other hand the failed communism suppressed the inclination of man towards private ownership.

Islam responds in a perfectly balanced way when it deals with the human soul. As stated in the above verse (Qur'an 3:14), it is normal for man to love money, gold and silver, women, etc. The challenge, however, is to take a medium and just course in dealing with this love.

Islam prohibits usury, monopoly, compulsion, theft, robbery, hoarding gold and silver, luxurious spending, conceitedness (if wealthy). On the other hand Allah ordained a fixed annual charity that limits inflation and provides a sharing process for the poor. Also He decreed a medium course of spending. All of these represent control mechanisms to prevent social, political and economical injustice. Have we thought about the fact that usury (in the form of interests on loans) holds people as well as nations under the siege of the banks and multinational financial institutions?

In the name of "modern freedom," men and women are easily driven by their lusts to "enjoy" a sexual "affair". Nowadays, man knows that the consequences are harmful. Allah had provided man with a control mechanism for his sexual desires, in the form of legal marriage to more than one woman. He (ﷺ) made of this mechanism a legal and a moral binding process to protect women. It is not an affair! It is a very real and medium course for those who are able to support more than one house, and for those who have strong sexual desires. It is very realistic. It is done in the open and not in motels, hotels, or private apartments such that when the woman gets pregnant the man takes a flight saying, "Bye, Bye honey!" The craze for lust is affecting the life of others! AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases are just some examples.

Man accepts the accountability principle laid down by his boss in a company. There are man-made restrictions on flights and on the use of many instruments. Man thinks they are there to protect him. In part this may be true, but how about the guidelines that are set by Allah to save the whole living of man? Such guidelines come from the One who is Perfect, not man who is imperfect! *The "freedom" that leads a person to an eternal destruction in a Confined Place called Hell is the utmost restriction.* The true freedom of man is that which builds a civilization that has a Divine value system and in which man submits to His Creator Alone. A civilization that reacts with the life of this world and links it to the Day of Return. On that Day everyone will be held accountable in front of the One Who is All-Just, All-Wise, All-Merciful, Sever in Punishment, and Oft-Forgiving, Allah:

"It is He Who has made the earth subservient to you (i.e., easy for you to walk to live and to do agriculture in it, so walk in the paths thereof and eat of His provision and to Him will be the Resurrection (of the dead)." (Qur'an 67: 1 5)

In the above verse there is a reminder for man that, while searching for his sustenance, he must abide by what Allah had decreed. Consequently, there is accountability, either reward or punishment. This calls for responsibility and not "restriction".

Another reminder on the road to build the responsible society:

"But seek, with that (wealth) which Allah has bestowed on you the Home of the Hereafter, and forget not your portion of legal enjoyment in this world and do good as Allah has been good to you and seek not mischief in the land. Verily Allah likes not the mischief-doers." (Qur'an 28: 77)

Civilization is not only professional progress in materialistic forms. Although this is required, it has to comply with the moral system as prescribed by the Creator to have a meaningful outcome. Otherwise this progress will bring man's own destruction by promoting an attachment to desires as well as a power struggle to control the world's resources. This is best explained in the verse:

"O mankind! We have created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes that you may know one another. Verily, the most

honourable of you in the sight of Allah is that (believer) who is best in religion and best in good deeds. Verily Allah is All-Knowing. All-Aware." (Qur'an 49: 13)

Those who live according to Allah's way will be the best in His sight. Those are the truly successful ones who can build a true civilization. The following Ayah illustrates some beautiful aspects of this civilization:

"O you who believe! Enter not houses other than your own, until you have asked permission and greeted those in them, that is better for you, in order that you may remember. And if you find no one therein, still, enter not until permission has been given. And if you are asked to go back, go back, for it is purer for you, and Allah is Knower of what you do. There is no sin for you that you enter (without taking permission) houses uninhabited (i.e., not possessed by anybody) (when) you have any interest in them. And Allah has knowledge of what you reveal and what you conceal. Tell the believing men to lower their gaze and protect their private parts from sins. That is purer for them. Verily Allah is aware of what they do. And tell the believing women to lower their gaze (from looking at forbidden things), and protect their private parts (from illegal sexual acts, etc.)" (Qur'an 24:27-31)

The Way Out

The modern civilization has influenced many parts of the world. It attracted many people through its materialistic progress. In this civilization acts like dedication, honesty, honouring an appointment, respecting the rights of others, are not *purely done* for the sake of Allah, but for the sake of interest. Such features are limited within the frame work of social interactions. This mostly exists in the so called "pragmatic" or the "freeworld civilization". When carefully examined, it is a narrow-minded, self-oriented, and eventually self-destructive approach. In the modem civilization, one hand is extended to shake with, while the other is ready to intervene when there are "conflicting" interests. Because of the actual worship of self-interests, people of this "civilization" must deal "nicely" with each other so as to minimise "friction." There is a continuous "lubrication" of this system to keep it running with the least possible friction. But when it comes to people who are not part of the "free-world," intervention, rather than "lubrication," takes place under the banner of "Global Interests," "Humanitarian Aid," or "World Order"! The recent position towards systematic killings of Muslims in Bosnia is a vivid manifestation of this real nature of modem civilization. Compare the position towards Bosnia with the quick response and intervention for the sake of "interests" in other parts of the World. When it comes to politics, there is rarely any moral binding. Lying, cheating, and dishonouring the rights of others are practiced in the name of National Interests!

On the economical front, the usury (interest system) is an open rip off that unlawfully uses people's money making some rich and others poor. Every possible mean is used to advertize products regardless of their benefit. On the issue of sex, there is chaos never like it in history. The family structure is in disarray. Divorce rates are soaring. Teenagers are depressed. Many take antidepressant drugs on the job! The wide-spread psychology clinics on street corners of "effluent" suburbs is an evidence of complex social living. Suicide amongst the youth is alarming. Many people resort to take dogs or cats as "honest friends." The market of drugs is depleting people's money and health. AIDS is a direct response to arrogance against the natural and morally abiding decrees regarding sexual needs as set by the Creator. The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"Sins didn't spread in any particular nation until they openly conduct it and as a result plague and other illnesses that were not present among their predecessors became widespread amongst them."

Cancer could have been a sufficient warning to reflect upon our estimate of Allah and His Attributes. However, the arrogance and disregard of Allah produced a "worship" of lust and brought what is worse than cancer. Could people stop neglecting to think about the purpose of life before more evil appears?

"Evil (sins and disobedience of Allah, etc.) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of man have earned (by oppression and evil deeds, etc.), that (Allah) may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allah, and begging His Pardon)." (Qur'an 30: 41)

And when man forgets Allah and His reminders:

"So, when they forgot that (the warning) which they had been reminded, We opened to them the gates of every (pleasant) thing, until in the midst of their enjoyment in that which they were given, all of a sudden, We took them to punishment, and lo! they were plunged into destruction with deep regrets and sorrows." (Qur'an 6: 44).

For those who 'worship' technology and who arrogantly think that they are building all powers of disposal over the earth, a reminder from Allah:

"Verily, the likeness of (this) worldly life is as the rain which We send down from the sky, so by it arises the intermingled produce of the earth of which men and cattle eat until when the earth is clad with its adornments and is beautified, *and its people think that they have all powers of disposal over it*, Our command, reached it by night or by day and We make it like a clean-mown harvest, as if it had not flourished yesterday! Thus do We explain the Signs (proofs, revelation laws, etc.) in detail for people who reflect" (Qur'an 10: 24)

Many civilizations vanished before and were destroyed when they stood against the way of Allah. We do not have a special relationship with Allah that may save us when we ignore Him and follow our desires! The only true way of salvation is to submit to Him and His way as Revealed in the Qur'an and as explained by the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him. This is the true way of Salvation.

A Final Word to Those Who Submitted to Allah in Islam

Islam is the perfect way of life. Muslims vary in terms of their adherence to the Faith. There are those whose beliefs and practices adhere well to the way of Allah. Some commit sins but repent and regret. Others disobey and think they will be forgiven just because they are Muslims. Many resort in their worship to other than Allah. They call upon righteous men, dead or alive, and love them like they love Allah. This is the only sin that Allah does not forgive. Any Muslim who sets up rivals with Allah exits the fold of Islam. What matters is the pure submission to Allah.

Muslims are called to liberate themselves from any worship to other than Allah. Following deviated sects that call for *Sufism* (mystic ways), *Shee'ism* (which gives Divine Attributes to men like Khumeini, and to certain Imams), *Ismaa'eelism* (another mystic sect that, like *Sheeism*, gives Divinity to 'Ali Bin Abee Talib, the honourable companion of the Prophet Muhammad-ﷺ), and all other ways that lead Muslims out of *Islam*, must be avoided.

On the state, family, and individual levels, Muslims must apply the Law *(Sharee'ah)* of Allah in all of its aspects as detailed by Allah in the Qur'an and by the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ). This is the true way of Justice on earth.

The duty of the true Muslims is to call for the correction of beliefs and practices that contradict the purpose of man's existence on earth. In the course of their duty, they can only depend upon Allah (ﷺ) Alone, seeking His Guidance, Help and refuge in Him Alone.

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