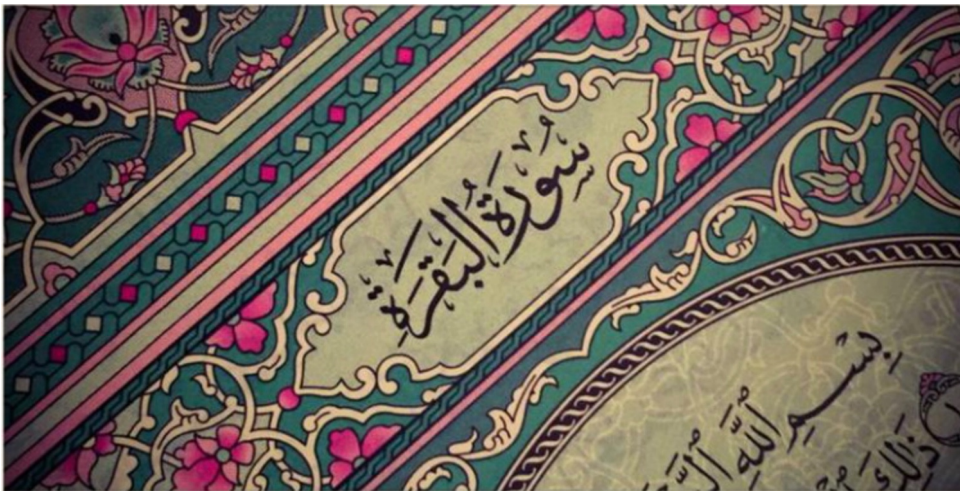


# Al-Baqarah

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The name of the surah, Al-Baqarah, attracts the attention. The names of all the surahs are from Allah. The incident of the cow, after which the Surah has been named, is regarding the rebelliousness of the Bani Israeel, when they didn't submit to the command of Allah, and asked too many questions, relying on themselves instead of Allah. So the deen was made more difficult

for them. When someone follows the curriculum, he will say *سمعنا وأطعنا*, I hear and I obey. The deen is a serious matter, and can become more intense by excessive questioning.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ وَمِنَ  
الْأَرْضِ مِثْلَهُنَّ يَتَنَزَّلُ الْأَمْرُ بَيْنَهُنَّ  
لِتَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ  
وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا

It is Allah who has created seven heavens and of the earth, the like of them. [His] command descends among them so you may know that Allah is over all things competent and that Allah has encompassed all things in knowledge  
سورة الطلاق  
65:12

There are two purposes for the creation, to know Allah, and to worship Him. Allah introduces all the legislations gently. When you see all the things around you in the universe, you know that the ability of Allah is over everything, and that He encompasses everything with His knowledge.

The main purpose for the creation of mankind is to worship Allah. For this, you need a soft heart. Desires harden the heart. When you remember Allah, and look at the

blessings around you, your heart becomes soft.

There is no compulsion in deen. The Ayat Al-Kursi is so clear, and such a great blessing, that there is no need to force people. When someone is forced to do something, he may do it, but he will hate it. It is human nature to hate to be forced to do something. The deen, the sunnah, the worships, are all so beautiful. Don't force people to follow them. Deen must be followed for love. You must pray and fast because you love Allah, not because you are forced. When children are forced to pray, they hate it. The motive must be love. Deen is very sensitive, the heart communicates with Allah.

Allah doesn't force the manhaj on anyone. He makes it clear to the people, and then He lets them choose. Everyone who comes into deen must do so by his own choice. Force is not acceptable. *دين* is *دين*, a debt, and you will be held accountable for it. If you look at yourself, you also don't like to be forced. This can be a reason to hate the deen. It is not about numbers, those who enter the deen must be up to the standard.

The *رشد*, the right path, is distinguished from the evil. This is all the words and actions which hit the target. The one who knows Ayat Al-Kursi is a changed person. His words and actions and dealings will all be right and praised. It will change the person deep inside. The opposite of *الرشد* is *الغبي*, which is all the bad words and actions and dealings. There is no use of force.

You can see right and wrong with knowledge of the manhaj. It gives you both pictures, good and bad. The Qura'an and Sunnah show the *رشد* and *غبي*. Hold on to the curriculum, specially the words of Allah. Hold on tightly, after you know right and wrong, because you are afraid of losing it. Think of holding on to the strap in a madly veering bus. You have to hold firmly, or you will be thrown around. The one who holds on firmly

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ  
الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ  
بِالطَّاعُونَ وَيُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ  
اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا  
انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ

There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course has become clear from the wrong. So whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold with no break in it. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing  
2:256

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا  
لِيَعْبُدُونِ

And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me  
سورة الذاريات  
51:56

قال الله تعالى: انا اَعْنَى الشُّرَكَاءِ عَنِ الشُّرِكِ ، مَنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلًا اشْرَكَ فِيهِ  
مَعِيَ تَرَكْتَهُ وَشِرْكُهُ

Allah (glorified and exalted be He) said: I am so self-sufficient that I am in no need of having an associate. Thus he who does an action for someone else's sake as well as Mine will have that action renounced by Me to him whom he associated with Me.  
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disbelieves in all but Allah. Your strong handhold is weak, and occurs when someone other than Allah is in your thoughts. The heart cannot accept more than one; if anyone else enters your heart, Allah will leave you to them, even if it the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم or the angels.

Allah hears everything that people say, all their statements. He is the All-Knower of the hearts.

The light comes after layers of of purification and guidance. The nur enlightens you 360°. All the layers are translucent, through which the light filters through, gently touching the eyes. A very bright light can hurt the eyes.

The lantern has many layers, which soften the light. The last layer is the frosted glass, which diffuses the light. This is how the nur of Allah comes to the hearts of people, layers of light, so gentle and loving. You are given رشد and غي.

You are stressed; there are always obstacles. But who said you were the one to take yourself out of darkness? Only Allah can do this. You need Allah to be your Guardian, taking you from the darkness into the light, through the layers, gently, with love. When you look at your life, you were in darkness before, even one year ago, or one minute before now, you can see the darkness. Don't worry, Allah will take you though the layers. Your job is to hold on to the handhold; you are not the driver.

Imagine yourself going for a walk after fajr, it is very dark, and you cannot see anything clearly. As you go on, your surroundings become lighter and clearer. You can't feel the difference. There is no force or compulsion or shock. This is the ود of Allah, His love and compassion. Just hold on to the handle, and enjoy the ride. Allah is اللطيف, the Most Loving, and اللودود, the Most Subtle, the Gentle. He knows the fine details of your heart.

مَا يَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ بِعَذَابِكُمْ إِنْ شَكَرْتُمْ وَأَمَنْتُمْ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ شَاكِرًا عَلِيمًا

What would Allah do with your punishment if you are grateful and believe? And ever is Allah Appreciative and Knowing

سورة النساء  
4:147

Remove all idols from your heart, otherwise your hand will slip all the time. Remove anything which will make you slip from under your feet. Your journey begins, and at the end of it, a transformation awaits. It is morning, so subtly. You are bathed in light, all the darkness is gone. The believer has this privilege. The one who believes in Allah must deny all the falsehood. You must believe that Allah is the only Rabb, worthy of your worship, and attachment. He is the only One who is Perfect. The journey will be smooth and slow. Hold the handle, and trust Allah to deliver you.

Ayah 257 begins with the best name, الله. He is المعبود المألوه, the One whom we worship, and attach to, with love, the One whose beauty and majesty the mind cannot grasp, the One who forbade the brain from naming anyone this name. The name الله is exclusively His name.

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعَلِمَ مَا تُؤَسُّوسُ  
بِهِ نَفْسَهُ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ  
الْوَرِيدِ

And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than [his] jugular vein  
سورة ق  
50:16

Allah is you Wali, your Guardian and Trustee. He won't leave you if you hold on to Him. You cannot partake this journey on your own, you need Allah. Though He rose over the throne, above the seventh heaven, He is the nearest to you, by His knowledge and seeing and hearing, His care and support and love. Trust Him completely, over the rocks and thorns, through the volcanoes and earthquakes. Allah in near you. All He wants from you is that you should believe in Him, and be grateful to Him. What better glad tidings than this? This is ولاية الله, His close companionship; the main component is love; your Wali loves you more than anyone else, so trust Him, don't go to anyone else.

اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَوْلِيَاؤُهُمُ الطَّاغُوتُ يُخْرِجُونَهُمْ مِنَ النُّورِ إِلَى الظُّلُمَاتِ أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

Allah is the ally of those who believe. He brings them out from darknesses into the light. And those who disbelieve - their allies are Taghut. They take them out of the light into darknesses. Those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide eternally therein

سورة البقرة  
2:257

Allah shows His love and closeness, expresses it, by gently taking you out of the darkness, and into the light. Sometime you can't even define the darkness, but Allah knows. He take you from the darkness of the disbelief and ignorance, to the light of belief and and knowledge, from the darkness of disobedience to the light of submission, without you even noticing. The more you believe , the more intense is the Guardianship of Allah.

اللهم آت نفسي تقواها وزكها أنت خير من زكاها . أنت وليها ومولاها

أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ  
يَحْزَنُونَ

Unquestionably, [for] the allies of  
Allah there will be no fear  
concerning them, nor will they  
grieve

سورة يونس

10:62