

## Chapter three: God's successor on the earth

### Mankind, secret of secrets

God is hidden in everything and everyone, so find out your nature.

We should feel the importance of life, so we can live happily.

**Meditation and understanding our nature** can help us for this purpose.

Only I can know myself, because no one else knows about me.

Even lovers can not penetrate deep into the nature of their beloved.

You can change yourself according to community by pretending to have knowledge and courtesy, or by behaving in accordance with the will of others.

But the wise man should not fall in this trap; he must discover his nature as it is. It means that know your true self.

Find out your strengths, weaknesses, intelligence and creativity.

The truth of human nature is the spirit of God that is breathed into him.

Pay attention to the words, God can't be described with any word. The word of God isn't God! As the word of money isn't money!

Rumi said in the second volume of Masnavi: "The disagreement of mankind is caused by names: peace ensues when they advance to the reality (denoted by the name)." <sup>1</sup>

So we must have insight, and see the truth.

Sign for your God to feed your soul, forget subjectivism, and gain self-relaxation and freedom.

Rumi said: I am thinking of rhymes, and my Sweetheart says to me: "Do not think of aught except vision of me."

Mysticism is an inner experience, and it can't be described. But mystics described their experience inevitably

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1-Masnavi, second volume

Mystics were hermit in the past. But fortunately, today they get their experiences from their daily life, and it means following the tradition of Prophet.

See the verse of the holy Qur'an:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُحَرِّمُوا طَيِّبَاتِ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا﴾

O you who believe! Don't make unlawful the *Taiyibat* (all that is good as regards foods, things, deeds, beliefs, persons, etc.) which Allah has made lawful to you, and don't transgress.<sup>1</sup>

Why do some people make women and pleasure of life unlawful for themselves?

We must become mystical as Prophet has said: " don't go faster or calmer than me, and be moderate. Otherwise, others will be in trouble. "

Don't be neutral, choose between right and wrong.

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### **Inexpressible secret...**

Why are mystical experiences not expressible? The speaker is mute and the listener is deaf and the words are inadequate.

Rumi and Saadi couldn't describe their experience, too.

Mystical experiences are beyond the human mind and sense.

Deep emotions can't be expressed, for example: a mother's feeling when she listens to her baby's voice for the first time,

Or a lover when he sees his beloved after a long time, The moment a person finds that he is not far from death,

Or the moments you enjoy watching the spring in the morning,

Sweetness of reminding God after good deeds,

All of these are seen in the words of mystics.

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1- Surah Al-Ma'idah (The Table Spread with Food), 87

It can be said that mystics have inevitably used understandable concepts to express their experiences, such as using the words of hair, eyebrew, wine, cupbearer, sea, waves, wind, spring, tavern, and...

For example when Hafiz uses the word of wine in his poem, it doesn't mean wine and it must be understood from the concept of poetry.

But unfortunately, these mysterious words have been interpreted differently, and sometimes the perceptions are contradictory!

Also, different perceptions of Islam are due to these mental constraints.

These spiritual things can be understood only by consciousness of heart!

Materialism and secularism are wrong. None of the religions teach humans love to God. They can't teach. They divide people into different sects.

But love of God teaches monotheism, and rejects division.

The holy Qur'an has appearance and reality. Similar verses have different meanings. What do you understand?

Imams and **Prophet's family** know the meanings and concepts of the verses of the Qur'an.

Prophet Muhammad said: «I'm the city of science, and Ali is its gate (door). »

Ibn Abbas is the greatest interpreter of the Qur'an. He was a student of Imam Ali and learned everything from him.

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See:

﴿وَسَقَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ شَرَابًا طَهُورًا﴾

And their Lord will give them a pure drink.<sup>1</sup>

In the above verse, God uses the words of wine and cupbearer. Wine means a pure drink, and cupbearer means God.

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1- Surah Al-Insan (Man or Time), 21

Rumi said: " Religious law is like learning medicine science. And religious way is like eating medicine and avoiding harmful things. And truth is beyond these two! "

And he said again that: " A person who has been taught mysteries of the divine action, his lips are sealed and closed."

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Mystic must accept that: All people are God's family. He also must be a supporter of the right, either to his advantage or to the detriment.

According to these statements, many of the Prophet's companions and helpers of the Imams are mystics.

**There is mystical awareness in all religions**, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and specially Islam.

Is religion inherently mystical and mysterious?

If yes, so why God says: " O Muhammad! Talk with people according to their intellect? "

**Everyone understands as much as his perception**, because mentalities and perceptions are different.

Buddhism and Hinduism have the source of transcendental experiences, and have ethical and mystical words more than Judaism. But the basis of Islam is monotheism. Islam considers religious law, religious way, and the truth respectively.

Why is this?

Imam Sadiq said: « People worship God in three different ways:  
First group worship him for fear of hell, these are like slaves  
Second group for paradise, these are like mercenaries  
And the third one for the love of God, these are noble men. »

Rumi said: " Men of God don't pray for heaven and hell."<sup>1</sup>  
We don't understand the meaning and concept of God's reward.

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1-Masnavi

We have considered deceiver rewards for reading Qur'an, praying, fasting, and pilgrimage. And that's why we don't enjoy our worship.

God's worship must be with good faith and sincerity, without expecting paradise or fear of hell or pretending to be religious for deceiving people.

Practical mysticism is an inner experience of every human being. And for this reason, experiences are very different.

A Shiite mystic find out things about his religion in meditation, and also a Christian or Hindu mystic! Why is this?

This is because all the mystics face the same reality, but they interpret it in proportion to their own minds and their time and culture.

Now perhaps we can understand the differences between experience and interpretation. The mystics are not fanatical in a particular religion at the stage of experience, but at the stage of interpretation, language inevitably relates to the accepted religion of mystic.

Our words are different, but God's beauties are unique, so the difference of names and languages is to distinguish between experience and interpretation.

Notice that God's power creates all these differences and variations.

Since the beginning of creation, no phenomenon has been repeated, all phenomena are new. Every phenomenon that is created is unique and non-repetitive and unparalleled.

The structure and biological formula of each human hair is different from one another.

No bird is equal to another bird, and no crawler, and no plants!

God is the master of glory and honor, and he is very great.

One of the great people said: " O God! If you throw me into the Hell, I'm still shouting that I love you. "

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## Each heart has a way to God...

The ways to God are as much as the breath of the beings.

At first, you may need to make short definitions of the titles of ascetic, worshipper, mystic, Sufi, jurisconsults, philosopher, and theologian.

**Ascetic** is a person who avoids the world and physical pleasures for religious reasons. He asks reward from God for this.

**Worshipper** is a person who enjoys the pleasures of world religiously, he also worships God and does good deeds to reach the paradise and get rid of the hell.

**Mystic** is a person who doesn't worship God for paradise or hell. He worships God, because God is right.

**Sufi** has common beliefs with mystic, but they differ in views and functions.

**Jurisconsults** are fundamentalists, followers of the Book and Sunnah in the Sunni religion, and followers of the book and prophet's family in the Shiite tradition.

**Philosopher** is a person who studies ideas about knowledge, truth, and meaning of life. His source is Islam and non-Islam!

**Theologians** are followers of Islamic philosophy and wisdom.

So mystics are more comprehensive.

Self-control, love to God, and lofty purpose are features of mystics.

The basis of Islam is monotheism, so the only effective thing in the world is God.

Real monotheism is that to be far from all hidden or obvious polytheism.

Worshipping God for paradise or hell is a partner that people consider for God, and it's a kind of polytheism.

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The fishing net is for hunting, take the fish and leave the net.

Human mind is like the fishing net, it's only a mean to reach God. Our mind is like a garden, we must plant flowers in it.

Mind is a mean to choose the right way, and reach the destination.

We must not stop and only appreciate it. Use it, and go to the destination!

If you stop in the teachings of the ancients, you can not achieve the truth.

﴿وَالِىَّ اللّٰهِ الْمَصِيْرُ﴾

And to Allah is the final return.<sup>1</sup>

Try for your worldly life as if you are alive forever, and try for the world of hereafter as if you will die tomorrow.

Every inhale and exhale is an opportunity. These are birth and death.

A baby inhales at the first moment of his life...**birth**

And an old man exhales at the last moment of his life...**death**

Time (life) is like the wind, it goes!

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### **India, the land of displaying various religions in the world**

**Buddhism:** The followers of Buddhism are abundant in India and gigantic statues of Buddha have been set up in this country. There are many temples for Buddhists. Buddhism is a religion without God, and it teaches peace of mind and tranquility.

**Hinduism:** Rig Veda is a book that describes Hindu teachings. Hindus are very abundant and the majority of the people of India are followers of this religion. They have great and unique idol-temples, and they regard the cow as sacred.

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1- Surah Ale-Imran (The Family of Imran), 28

**Sikhism:** They have golden temples, and they mix ideas of blasphemy and monotheism. Sikhs do not cut their hair during their life and wear special clothes.

**Zoroastrianism:** They are known as Parsian, I saw great fire-temple of Rostam in Bombay. They have formed a powerful and prosperous society in India, but they are minorities.

**Christianity:** This religion has some followers by church's money and the propaganda of British colonialism in India.

I saw great crosses over beautiful Goa hills.

**Islam:** It is a popular religion in India. There are many remarkable works of the Mughal sultanate era in India, including the University of Aligarh, Taj Mahal, the Grand mosque of Delhi, Redford, and dozens of other Islamic historical works.

Most of these magnificent works belong to more than 400 years before.

Superstition, idolatry, sun-worship, blasphemy, cow-worship, narcissism and ignorance are very common in India.

Gandhi saved the people of India from the superstitious beliefs and today India is the biggest democracy model. Memories of the 23-day trip to India taught me great lessons from the truth of religion beyond superstition.

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### **Visualize God**

Some Sunni scholars visualize God on the basis of the appearance of some of the Quranic verses in their minds, for example, they say that God is sitting on the throne and his legs are dangling from the heavens.

Incorrect interpretations and misconceptions of Qur'an make visual thinking.

Imam Sadiq (AS) has the clearest rational interpretation of the throne and the kingdom. He is one of the scholars of prophet's family!

He said: " God isn't an idol, and he can't be visualized or touched or met like an idol. You only can find out him through the self-knowledge. God isn't a person to limit him and build an idol of him. There is no God such as this at all. "

The imaginable God isn't real, it is an idol!

God exists within flowers, birds, stars, soil, human eyes, waves of sea, winds, and within everything and everyone.

All of these are manifestations of God, and express the will of God.

But understanding the attributes and essence of God is difficult.

God is unseen, unknowable, and touchless.

God said in holy Qur'an that:

﴿قُلْ مَنْ بِيَدِهِ مَلَكُوتُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ﴾

Say "In Whose Hand is the sovereignty of everything (i.e. treasures of each and everything)? <sup>1</sup>

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾

And I (Allah) didn't create the jinns and humans except they should worship me (Alone). <sup>2</sup>

﴿إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّن ذَكَرٍ وَأُنثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا﴾

O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. <sup>3</sup>

Rumi said: "O God! Reveal the soul that place where speech is growing without letters and words. " <sup>4</sup>

God must be understood in silence.

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1- Surah Al-Mu'minun (The Believers), 88

2- Surah Adh-Dharyyat (The Winds that Scatter), 56

3- Surah Al-Hujuraat (The Dwellings), 13

4- Masnavi, first volume

Why is life not recognizable and not predictive?

This is because life is the moment. Life is a poem, or maybe a song or movie!

Mystics say that life includes three parts: 1-known 2- unknown 3- unknowable.

Known part is almost clear, and it can be reached with wisdom and experience and observation.

But there are many ways to know the unknown part, for example Buddha thought silently with his follows, the disciples of Jesus breathed with Jesus, and Prophet Mohammad's companions participated in holy wars on the day and worshiped at night.

Mysticism isn't a science to get it, it is an understanding that you should find out from the Qur'an. It is an experience and experiences are individual and non-repetitive! Mysticism is the spirit of religion.

You can't say any word about God, because no word can describe him completely.

Never deny anything, and never accept anything without thinking about it!

This is the basic rule of mysticism.

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Hafiz said: " Don't go to the way of mystics without the help of a guide like Khidr, fear of misguidance, it's very dangerous. "

When you decide to travel somewhere in the world, there is less risk of being loss, because guide maps are available. But there is no map for travelling into man, because the mentality and the nature of each one is different from another one. So a spiritual guide is required.

Who can be spiritual guides other than prophets and Imams and mystics? We need to know the real guide with cleverness.

Imam Ali said: «Mystic is a person who gets rid of evil deeds, and avoids everything that God forbids. »

Imam Sadiq (AS) said: «Mystic's body is with people, and his heart is with his creator (God). Mystic doesn't have any companion except God.»

God said:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدْحًا فَمُلَاقِيهِ﴾

O men! Verily, you are returning towards your Lord with your deeds and actions (good or bad), a sure returning, so you will meet (i.e. the results of your deeds which you did). <sup>1</sup>

Mystics Love God honestly. Where is God? Under this blue sky! God is with all, he is the All-Seer of what you do.

### **The mystery of human mind**

Rumi said: " This world is a prison, and we are the prisoners. Dig a hole in the prison, and let yourself out! "

In Rumi's words, humans are imprisoned in their minds...we must get rid of it, and go beyond mentalities.

Why are the idols of the gods of Chinese similar to the Chinese people?

And why are the idols of the gods of Indian similar to the Indian people?

And why the idols of African tribes are black?

Why does Hollywood show the eyes of Jesus in blue, and the color of his hair in gold?

From far away, people worshiped different gods, what do you understand?

In Egypt, the gods are oppressors, because the oppressive system of Pharaoh wants it. But in India, gods are kind.

Therefore, it must be concluded that every nation, on the basis of its own mindset, imagines God.

Why does Christianity believe in trinity?

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1- Surah Al-Inshiqaq (The Splitting Asunder), 6

﴿سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ﴾

Glorified be Allah above all that they attribute to Him! <sup>1</sup>

Don't think about the essence of God; think about his signs, because man can recognize objects with his mind. Man also has the ability to recognize himself, but he can not understand the essence of God

We can realize God's existence only by understanding the mysteries of creation and the **unity of being**.

Love is one of the fundamental issues of mysticism.

How can you know God and heart without love?

Love is like ivy plant that wraps around the tree's body, this example is sufficient to understand the role of Love.

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﴿وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ﴾

Allah has created you and what you make! <sup>2</sup>

﴿وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُسْرُونَ وَمَا تُعْلِنُونَ﴾

And Allah knows what you conceal and what you reveal. <sup>3</sup>

The Qur'an rejects the God's worship through mediator:

﴿فَاسْتَقِيمُوا إِلَيْهِ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ ۗ وَوَيْلٌ لِّلْمُشْرِكِينَ﴾

Take Straight Path to Him (with true Faith Islamic Monotheism) and obedience to Him, and seek forgiveness of Him, and woe to *the* disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah, polytheists, and idolaters. <sup>4</sup>

﴿وَأَنَّ الْمَسَاجِدَ لِلَّهِ فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا﴾

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1- Surah Al-Mu'minun (The Believers), 91

2- Surah as-Saffaat (Those Arranged in Ranks), 96

3- Surah An-Nahl (The Bees), 19

4- Surah Fussilat (Explained in detail), 6

And the mosques are for Allah (Alone), so invoke not anyone along with Allah. <sup>1</sup>

﴿أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ مَا نَعْبُدُهُمْ إِلَّا لِيُقَرِّبُونَا إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَىٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ فِي مَا هُمْ فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ كَاذِبٌ كَفَّارٌ﴾

Surely, the religion (i.e. the worship and the obedience) is for Allah only. And those who take protectors and helpers besides Him (say): "We worship them only that they may bring us near to Allah." Verily, Allah will judge between them concerning that wherein they differ. Truly, Allah doesn't guide him who is a liar, and a disbeliever.<sup>2</sup>

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More knowledge is equal to less understanding. Because a person who has a lot of science thinks that it's impossible to don't understand the truth with all this science. When you are proud of yourself, you can't understand the truth.

﴿مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ حُمِّلُوا التَّوْرَةَ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَحْمِلُوهَا كَمَثَلِ الْحِمَارِ يَحْمِلُ أَسْفَارًا﴾

The likeness of those who were entrusted with the obligation of the Torah to obey its commandments and to practise its legal laws, but failed in those obligations, is as the likeness of a donkey who carries huge burdens of books but understands nothing from them.<sup>3</sup>

**Polytheism** is a widespread issue.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said about polytheism that: «A person who swears besides God is a polytheist. »

Believing in everyone and everything except God, and worshipping anyone other than God is **polytheism**.

Prophet Muhammad said: «Polytheism is more hidden than the movement of an ant over the mountain in my people. »

Read the following verse of holy Qur'an about polytheism:

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1- Surah Al-Jinn (The Jinn), 18

2- Surah AZ-Zumar (The Groups), 3

3- Surah Al-Jumu'ah (Friday), 5

﴿أَتَعْبُدُونَ مَا تَنْحِتُونَ. وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ﴾

He said: "Do you worship which you (yourselves) carve, while Allah has created you and what you make!?"<sup>1</sup>

﴿لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ﴾

Don't prostrate neither to the sun nor to the moon, but prostrate to Allah who created them. <sup>2</sup>

﴿اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ﴾

They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allah (by obeying them in things which they made lawful or unlawful according to their own desires without being ordered by Allah).<sup>3</sup>

﴿اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَنِبُوا الطَّاغُوتَ﴾

Worship Allah (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) all false deities. <sup>4</sup>

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Life is an unrepeatable travel. The wise man lives in such a way that he does not need to go back.

﴿وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ دِينًا مِّمَّنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ وَاتَّبَعَ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا﴾

And who can be better in religion than one who submits his face (himself) to Allah (i.e. follows Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism); He is a good-doer, and follows the religion of Ibrahim (Islamic Monotheism). <sup>5</sup>

﴿إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ أَسْلِمَ قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

1- Surah as-Saffaat (Those Arranged in Ranks), 95 & 96

2- Surah Fussilat (Explained in detail), 37

3- Surah At-Taubah (The Repentance), 31

4- Surah An-Nahl (The Bees), 36

5- Surah An-Nisa' (The Women), 125

When his Lord said to him: "Submit (be a Muslim)!" He said: "I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to the Lord of the mankind, jinns and all that exists." <sup>1</sup>

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Mulla Sadra says: "Every phenomenon has a ratio of existence, the existence is one, but existential levels are different. " Do you understand?

God is the absolute existence and if God's relationship with things is cut off, they will be destroyed. The relationship between God and creatures is like a relationship between sun and flower!

All creatures are created by God. And the true existence is the indestructible nature of God.

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The universe with all its numerous components is the science of God. Allah is All-Knowing and All-Wise.

Our body is like a sitar that our spirit uses it to play its favorite song.

Masnawi, poems of Hafiz, Ferdowsi's Shahnameh, and Attar's poetry, all of these are literary capital of Persian speakers, and help our spirit to play a good song. But it is necessary to think carefully about the meanings of these literary works, so we can understand their concept.

Unfortunately, the subject of today's poetries and stories are just unfaithfulness and divorce and vain things!

But the miracle always happens. Earthly love can be a practice to get rid of self-centering, and leads man to think beyond himself.

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## **Test?**

Monotheism increases the trust and contentment, but polytheism grows fear and covetousness of polytheist.

Love increases energy, and make people happy. But selfishness increases disturbance of mind and avarice.

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1- Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 131

Silence is full of tact and unspoken. But gabbing is full of lies and backbiting and self-conceit.

Charity means the aim of giving money, food, and help to people who are in need. Be generous.

Save others from mental superstitions, and be kind with them.

Be positive and hopeful.

Imam Ali worshipped God from depth of his heart. Why don't we understand?

Imam Reza said: " Religion is love for God and his creatures."

Allah is full of kindness, the Most Merciful towards mankind.  
One of the mystics said: " A human is more valuable than anything else in the world."

Question: For whom did God create the world?

Answer: For humans.

But Maurice Matterling said: " The world is created for awarenesses. "  
And it's clear that awareness is for humans.

Human definition: Aristotle defines man as a political animal; Rousseau defines man as a social contractor; Karl Marx as an economic creature; Rumi as a thoughtful creature; And Qur'an defines him as a God's successor in the Earth.

Man is the only creature who wants to live forever, but always dies.  
Why do we protect our dead? Why don't we forget our dead?

Eight hundred years ago, Maulana described theological concepts in the form of poetry. But we don't understand the meaning and purpose of his poems.

What a pity! Deer can not teach agility to turtles.  
Alas, the fruit can not tell the root of her tree: "Be like me"

Rumi said the following poem about God:

"We and our existences are (really) non-existences, O God! You are the absolute being which manifests the perishable (causes phenomena to appear).

We all are lions, but lions on a banner: because of the wind they are rushing onward from moment to moment.

Our onward rush is visible, and the wind is unseen: may that which is unseen never fail!

Our wind (that whereby we are moved) and our being are from you; our whole existence is from thy bringing (us) into being.

You showed the delightfulness of being unto not-being, (after) thou hadst caused not-being to fall in love with you."

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Rumi said: " O Lord! There is caravan on caravan, (speeding) continually from non-existence towards existence." <sup>1</sup>

Yes, the process of creation continues, and again from here to eternity! What do you see when you look at the cemetery except a lot of failed hopes? We must take lesson from this.

﴿وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ﴾

And He is who originates the creation, then will repeat it (after it has been perished).<sup>2</sup>

### **How do people appear in Doomsday?**

Childhood, adolescence, middle age, and old age, each of them has special features. Isn't it?

Which one is a true and complete face of a human being?

None of them!

At the resurrection, perhaps anyone based on his or her psyche and actions and morals will be created again.

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1-Masnavi, first volume

2- Surah Ar-Rum (Rome), 27

Human is an extraction of what we see in creation. Even all elements of nature exist in the human body.  
So human has good and animal nature.

Cunning of fox, cruelty of wolf, peacock's showing off, Self-sacrifice and self-immolation of butterfly, all of these are animal traits that exist in humans.

Qur'an said: «In the rebuilding of anyone on Resurrection, even the exclusive lines of the fingertips of every human being are preserved. »

Nowadays science has proven that all characteristics of a person are unique, even the structure of a human hair.

### **Sleep!**

We have not learned to control and regulate our dreams yet.

We still can not understand anything about the silence of the world after death.

We don't know what will be the language of the deads after death?

Fatima Zahra says: «Sleep is the brother of death. »

In the sleep, the body is healthy and absorbs and excretes. But in death, the body destroys and turns into the soil.  
So how are they brothers?

The main part of humans is their soul. And the soul is separated from the body in the death and sleep.

Imam Ali says: « death is the greatest secret. »... And this is true.

### **What is the secret?**

The victory of man is in the satisfaction of God, and the rest is waste of time.

Know that religion is an attempt to control yourself, find your truth, and control the mentalities!

And know that time is our only capital.

And politics is an attempt to dominate others. The politicians and those who want to dominate others are not their own lords, so they try to be the lords of others.

Imam Ali (AS) said: «O people! Rule over you is less valuable to me than the goat sneezing. »

### Mysticism-Kaaba of love

﴿إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا﴾

Mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know the truth. <sup>1</sup>

So the purpose of creation is mysticism and knowing the truth.

God said again in holy Qur'an that:

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾

And I (Allah) created jinns and humans to worship me (Alone). <sup>2</sup>

Worshipping God with knowledge, how beautiful it is!

Theoretical mysticism just expresses the methods. But practical mysticism is the inner experience of everyone, and it reaches God's love.

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We must abandon our misconceptions to understand the truth.

God's religion never emits a negative energy. And the sad religion that lives out of the world is only loved by sick and backward people.

Sequestered life isn't confirmed by the Qur'an.

﴿وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا﴾

And don't forget your portion of legal enjoyment in this world. <sup>3</sup>

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1- Surah Al-Hujuraat (The Dwellings), 13

2- Surah Adh-Dhariyat (The Winds that Scatter), 56

3- Surah Al-Qasas (The Narration), 77

Christianity says: Christ never laughs; this is a lie. If he didn't laugh, how did he spread the message of God in the world?

See the truth, so you reach inner peace. By practicing to live in the moment, calmness will increase. This is a very enjoyable and joyful state.

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Mind is a means to continue life, a means for doing special things for livelihood.

It is like fishing net for subsistence.

But the mind should not rule over you and control you.

The mind only cares about the past and the future; it doesn't pay attention to the present time, and follows changeable and mortal things.

So the only way for getting rid of mastering the mind over man is living at the moment!

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Notice that thinking and heart consciousness aren't equal.

Thinking is just a small aspect of consciousness, and it's controlled by the mind.

A thought that makes heart consciousness leads man to the prosperity.

Prophet Muhammad said: «A believer is aware and watchful. He only considers God effective. »

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Rumi said: "Cause the drop of knowledge which Thou gavest (us) heretofore to become united with Thy seas of knowledge."

God's knowledge is infinite and endless.

You can't attain pure awareness only with mind and thinking. Get ready now to get rid of sensual appetite. Listen to your heart, and take your mind to where your heart commands.

Most human pain and suffering are futile, and their origin is concern for future and regret for the past.

If you live in the moment and surrender to God's will, you can abandon a lot of pain and suffering.

Be satisfied with God's will, and accept whatever you have with smile.

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Mind has been conditioned; for example in Iran, the red light is for stop, but in China red light is a symbol of movement.

The mind is conditional and contractual.

The true nature of man is his spirit, and he understands it at the time of death, then he realizes that death is the gateway to enter the larger world!

Rumi said: " Death is a way to God. If you know a shortest way, tell it to me. Death is an eternal thing. What is the secret? The secret is that there is no God but Allah."

Pay attention to the trees, birds, people, waterfall, flowers, fruits, and all creatures!

Understand life blessings at the moment!

If you understand the creatures from depth of your heart, you have worshiped the truth.

Yes, time is short. So don't waste it by mortal and futile things.

Don't worry about tomorrow. Be like flowers, they live in the moment and benefit from God's blessing.

Rumi says the following poem, and rejects the attention to the past and future:

"Sobriety exists (arises) from recollection of what is past: The past and future will take you away from God.

So cast fire on them both: because if you pay attention to them, you can't understand the secret. It is like a reed, and future and past are like nodes on reed. "

Spring, summer, colorful autumn, winter, all these changes are secret.

Feel your feeling. Watch your reaction. Take them easy. Just see! Find out this moment, because **time is everything that we have.**

Taking lessons from the past to not repeat mistakes, specifying the goals, and planning, all are related to now. And all of them are happening now.

If you take lessons from the past mistakes, you use the moment. But if you blame yourself constantly, you remain in past.

Control your mind, and change the bad minds of the past with good minds of now.

Marxism, ideologies, liberalism, socialism, Existentialism, and distorted religious prejudices are wrong beliefs.

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Do you think that if you have more wealth, you are more prosperous and successful?

Are you waiting for someone to come and make you happy?

It is futile. Don't wait for anyone to come. You should search for happiness from within yourself only.

Maybe you own the wealth, but this change is also superficial, because you will still act on the basis of your own mental patterns, but in more luxurious circumstances.

I wish that love was prevalent.

I wish we knew the mystery of the sky and understood the heart.

I wish we understood that money and reputation are transient!

But love, meditation, praying, sacrifice, and finding your truth aren't transient, and they need pure heart!

Understand that this world is like a ship whose captain, God, takes the ship wherever he wants!

Use your senses completely. Look around. And see nature, forms, colors, and the hidden silence in the world.

**Count the breaths**, and see the rhythm of your breath.

Wake up and touch the moment. Say that: I have decided that I will not create more pain; I have to understand the truth now!

I will change the quality of my work. Isn't quality more important than quantity? So I'll pay attention to the essence of things.

Realize that God is in the essence of everything.

Every human is a unique phenomenon, and his mind is formed on the basis of age, education, gene, family, physical power, gender, friends, conditions, and many other things. So everyone's attitude is different from one another.

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There is no repetition in creation; God created everything uniquely.

For example, a plastic glass maker produces thousands of glasses with the same mold, but you can never find two absolutely identical trees on earth.

And you never see two twin brothers who are exactly the same. There is no repetition among the mountains, animals, planets, and flowers. And everything has a purpose and reason.

Travel to Hormuz Island and see the seventy varieties of mountains.

I wish we traveled to space and saw the Earth from there.

Yes! Everything and everyone is unique! And everything is instantaneously connected with God.

Glorified be Allah above all that they attribute to Him. And whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allah.

No one knows what's going on in someone else's heart, so there are many different ways to connect with God.

Don't ask homeless that: Where is your home?  
Don't ask a naked person: Where are your clothes?  
Don't say to a lover that: What do you like in your love?

Everyone's way is his choice.

﴿وَالِىَّ اللّٰهُ الْمَصِيْرُ﴾

And to Allah is the final return. <sup>1</sup>

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Review the reasons for proving God's existence:

1-Aristotle's Argument: Motion requires stimulus.

2-Proof of order: The order in the world must have an organizer.

3-Proof of probability: The probability that objects have been created by themselves is rejected.

4-Entropy, the law of conversion of energy into matter, and God's role in gradual perfection

5-The argument of possible and necessity in existence

6- Proof of causality: Each effect has a cause. And God is the cause of all causes.

7- Proof of theology: The world has a creator.

God is superior to our thoughts. He doesn't need to prove.

This world is just one of the realms of existence, isn't it?

Do we know the parallel worlds?

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1- Surah Ale-Imran (The Family of Imran), 28

﴿سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلَّهَا مِمَّا تُنْبِتُ الْأَرْضُ وَمِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَمِمَّا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

Glory be to Allah, Who has created all the pairs of which the earth produces, as well as of their own (human) kind (male and female), and of which they don't know. <sup>1</sup>

All creatures are manifestations of God's existence. So:

﴿قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

Say: "Verily, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the mankind, jinns and all that exists."<sup>2</sup>

﴿قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

"I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to Allah." <sup>3</sup>

The existence of God doesn't need to prove, who can deny him?

God is the manifest and lawful creator in our beliefs.

We must see the effect of believing in God in our lives, If God does not affect life, this God is a personal idol! It means that our beliefs should be pure.

Worship God only, and ask for help only from him.

We create pain and suffering for ourselves. But Creation of the world is full of happiness, because flourishing, birth, and growing happen at every moment.

Why do not we understand anything but the confusion of the philosophical debates of God's proof?

**Understand the verse below:**

﴿وَتَرَى الْجِبَالَ تَحْسَبُهَا جَامِدَةً وَهِيَ تَمُرُّ مَرَّ السَّحَابِ﴾

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1- Surah Ya-Sin, 36

2- Surah Al-An'am (The Cattle), 162

3- Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 131

And you will see the mountains and think they are solid, but they shall pass away as the passing away of the clouds.<sup>1</sup>

This verse is the basis of intrinsic motion theory.

Mulla Sadra is a wise mystic, he said: " Existence exist in all creatures, but the degree and rank of their existence are different. And unity of being means there is no God but Allah. God surrounds everything, so everything and everyone need God to move. "

Only God deserves to say: "Everything is for me." because there are no objects without God's favor like a lamp that takes its light from the original source. So objects and creatures have a relative and limited existence.

The concept of man will always be a mystery to humans, and everyone tries to discover the truth of man.

Aristotle said: " Human character and personality is eternal and indestructible. But objects are mortal and unstable."

Buddha believed that man should seek happiness and prosperity only in himself.

Confucius, the wise man of ancient China, says that:" what a wise man wants is within him, but what a wicked man needs is in others."

Epicor believed that living in pleasure and self-indulgence are prosperity.

Imam Ali said: «Your medicine is within you but you don't understand, and your pain is within you but you don't see. »

Hafiz said the following poem:

"For many years, my heart was asking for the Jamshid's cup (the essence of human existence) of me. It was asking for what it possessed, from a stranger, entreaty made. A jewel that is beyond the shell of

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1- Surah An-Naml (The Ants), 88

existence and of time, from those lost on the shore of the sea, search it made."

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We still live with a thousand superstitious traditions.

We are still under the control of the fears of our parents and grandparents.

We still endure the things that society imposes on us.

So how can the heart understand the truth with these conditions? We must cleanse our heart.

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Millions of years ago, monkeys were the foremost creatures on our planet.

Now, the torches of civilization are in the hands of man  
What will be the best thing in the future?

See the surface of Planet Earth, it has a great variety: tropical regions, ice poles, salt deserts, seas, mountains, valleys, temperate regions, continents, and...

See the birds' migration! What is or who is their guide?

Check the direction of the white seagulls from Siberia to the central regions of Iran. They use the sun, stars, coastal roads, magnetic fields, and spiral rivers to find their way, but:

﴿أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَافَّاتٍ وَيَقْبِضْنَ مَا يُمَسِّكُهُنَّ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ﴾

Don't they see the birds above them, spreading out their wings and folding them in? None upholds them except the Most Beneficent (Allah).<sup>1</sup>

Also violet seed changes into a flower by using existential monotonous sets and biochemical cycles.

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1- Surah Al-Mulk (Dominion), 19

See God in Hindu mysticism:

In the beginning, there wasn't today, yesterday or tomorrow.

There wasn't existence or non-existence, neither sky or air.

There was no death or eternal life.

In that time, only God existed. And no one else was there.

If you say: "I know God", you make a mistake.

Who can understand God's attribute? Who can express him?

On the contrary! One who thinks he does not know God knows him. And one who thinks he knows God can not know him.

The wise man is constantly paying attention to God. He knows that everything is from God...!

God has filled the whole world.

He is more invisible, more revealing and mysterious than everything.

God's essence is neither a name nor a trait.

Only the sea knows its depths... Only God knows himself. He can't be understood.

This world is nothing but the will of God, and we see this will as survival and mortality. Survival and destruction are always happening.

This world is created by God, and will return to him.

(This text is from the beginning of ancient Indian texts, quoted in the RigVeda.)

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Creation is a curtain and creatures are like its fibre. There is no veil between God and his creatures except the creatures.

The similarity of the Qur'an and other celestial scriptures is that in all these texts, theology is intuitive and immediate.

God said: ﴿This is the Book (the Qur'an), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance to those who are Al-Muttaqun.﴾

But who are Al-Muttaqun (pious)?

﴿الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ. وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ وَبِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ﴾

Pious is someone who believes in the unseen world, and performs pray, and spend out of what we have provided for them [i.e. give Zakat , spend on themselves, their parents, their children, their wives, etc., and also give charity to the poor and also in Allah's Cause - Jihad, etc.]. And who believe in (the Qur'an and the Sunnah) which has been sent down (revealed) to you (Muhammad) and in the Torah and the Gospel, etc. which were sent down before you and they believe with certainty in the Hereafter. <sup>1</sup>

Unfortunately, the lack of relativism has caused a lot of extremes in our perceptions.

The realist and moderate person is the best servant of God.

Prophets and imams were guides and brothers of the people. But unfortunately, people are ignorant of the monotheistic teachings and the pattern of their lives.

God said in holy Qur'an:

﴿فَاتِمَّا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ﴾

O Muhammad! Your duty is only to convey (the Message of God) in a clear way.

Prophets never invite people to worship them, and they called themselves God's servants.

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1- Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 3 & 4

2- Surah An-Nahl (The Bees), 82

﴿وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

Prophet said: "I don't ask any reward of you for it (my Message of Islamic Monotheism), my reward is only from God." <sup>1</sup>

Prophets and imams are God's pure servants and patterns of behavior for us.

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Human beings have consistently lived in different beliefs.

For example: Star-worshipping, moon-worshipping, sun-worshipping, believing in different gods like the God of Rain, God of war, God of Love, also prasing the river, mountain, cow, tree, and even genital organ.

There is an island near the Bombay Beach in India where take tourists by ship to see popular sculptures. These are the reminders of the People of Lot and...in ancient history.

Praising different kinds of hand-made or mind-made idols expresses the transformation of thought in humans.

See remaining works of history such as Rig Veda, Torah, Gospel, Hammurabi's law, Egyptian Pyramids, china wall, Republic of Athens, ancient Greece, Maya civilization in Mexico, Persepolis of Achaemenid, and etc. Human beings have continually created and destroyed the mind-made idols.

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### **Why is religion mysterious?**

Why do some mystics consider Iblis as a monotheist? This is because he did not prostrate anyone other than Allah.

These mystics refer to the following verse of Qur'an in response to those who say why the devil did not obey God for prostration on man:

﴿قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ﴾

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1- Surah Ash-Shu'ara' (The Poets), 109

[Iblis (Satan)] said: "O my Lord! Because you misled me, I shall adorn the path of error for them (mankind) on the earth, and I shall mislead all of them."<sup>1</sup>

Notice that the misleading is one of the names of God... what a mysterious!

The prostration of the angels on man was not for worshipping man; it was only for obeying God's command.

But why does God give Satan time to tempt man?

Prostration is for god only, like Tawaf, which is just around the house of God. And pray that means seeking help only from God.

Subjectivism have infected our worship and prayer to polytheism.

God's commandment to the angels, Satan's disobedience to prostrate on Adam, obedience of angels, resurrection, revelation, prophets' miracles, forbidden fruit in primary paradise, birth and death, hell, paradise, divine books, and religion, all of them are symbolic and mysterious.

And the most mysterious religious issue is monotheism.

﴿إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَرِثُ الْأَرْضَ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا وَإِلَيْنَا يُرْجَعُونَ﴾

Verily! We will inherit the earth and whatsoever is thereon. And to us they all shall be returned.<sup>2</sup>

﴿وَإِنَّا لَنَحْنُ نُحْيِي وَنُمِيتُ وَنَحْنُ الْوَارِثُونَ﴾

And certainly we are who give life, and cause death, and we are the Inheritors.<sup>3</sup>

Rumi believes that God is apparent to us as the sun, but he is not limited in any phenomenon.

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1- Surah Al-Hijr (The Rocky Tract), 39

2- Surah Maryam (Mary), 40

3- Surah Al-Hijr (The Rocky Tract), 23

Rumi said the following poems about God:

"O God! In your essence, you are neither this nor that (your essence is like nothing, it is unique) .You are greater than all imaginations and more than more! " <sup>1</sup>

" Sometimes the formless one (God) graciously shows his face from the veil of non-existence. (God manifests in the creatures.)" <sup>2</sup>

So the absolute subject is God.

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### **Getting energy from God's lawful nature!**

Everything in the nature is in motion and praise and change, like blood flow in our bodies.

When our moves and efforts are useful, our rewards will be doubled and the world will smile at us.

The best thing for humans is pure nature...Healthy mind and thought is only possible with a pure heart. There is a proverb that says: "what comes out of the jar is in it."

There are laws for getting energy in nature that are as follows:

Law of dawn: Early waking up at the time of the Morning Prayer increases the energy, and gives joy to the body and soul.

﴿وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ﴾

And by the dawn as it brightens.<sup>3</sup>

Law of family: Being together with family and even good friends has a positive effect on our psyche.

Law of diversity: Every year, change and diversify everything. (!)  
Replace or change household appliances. (!)

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1- Masnavi, Second volume

2- Masnavi, 6<sup>th</sup> volume

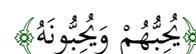
3- Surah At-Takwir (Wound around and lost its Light), 18

Law of power: Feeling power on the basis of trusting in God makes us peaceful.

Law of success: We will succeed on the basis of planning and setting goals.

Law of colors: Black clothes make us sad. White, yellow, and pink colors give us a better feeling.

Law of love for God:



They love God and God love them. <sup>1</sup>

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Rationality in mysticism

Mysticism without rationality means leaving the world and seclusion. And it is forbidden in holy Qur'an. God said: ﴿don't forget your share of the world.﴾

In the past, Muslim mystics accepted seclusion and sequestered life easily.

But today, rationality must dominate thought and action.

Today, man is involved with the alienation and the mass media. In this situation, humanity is achieved only with the mystical wisdom that is the strategy of science and religion.

The mystic must experience mysticism in the social life.

Today, seclusion and isolation are meaningless.

Necessary things for rational mysticism are:

Good communication, useful study, good audience, restful sleep, happy awakening, good expression, beautiful clothes, good mood, economical Independence, the use of literature, love, thoughtful thought, being away from politics, being kind with others!

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1- Surah Al-Ma'idah (The Table Spread with Food), 54

That is the secret...

Remember God at this moment.

What is blind prejudice for?

A baby born in Saudi Arabia is a Muslim, if born in Israel, he is Jewish, and if born in Europe, he is Christian.

So heredity religion is a phenomenon that is determined by geography for the child.

What is not limited to the geography and culture of society is morality and humanity and choice.

The great human beings have a non-fanatic soul and seek the truth of religion beyond geography.

Wicked humans use bias and ignorance of others for their own benefit.

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### **A few moments with yourself!**

Meditation is the deepening of the senses.

Theoretical mysticism has no way but observation, and the mystical experience is achieved only by observing the signs of God and thinking about them.

Final destination is very close, and it depends on your will.

If your will is perfect, you are your destination!

Watch out for yourself and meditate constantly!

See the depth of things. Know yourself. Don't judge others. Don't blame yourself.

Are the signs of God equal to God? Don't make a mistake, God is beyond everything.

The sun's rays are not the essence of the sun, but whatever they have is from the sun, it's just like the signs of God.

Sings of God are the manifestations of his will. And this is understandable only with the hadith and the words of the Imams.

Imam Ali said: « The essence of Allah is glorious of being equal to his creatures. »

A careful study of the phenomena in nature leads to the understanding of their order and purpose and the recognition of God.

Imam Hussein said: «O God! I ask you to reach you, and trust in you, so guide me with your light. »

### **Faithful people**

Polytheism is to make a mortal creature effective, and monotheism is to make God the basis of everything.

How beautiful Imam Ali said: «O God! I know you by you, you invited me to yourself. If you were not, I would never know you. »

### **We must ask for our demands only from God.**

Only God answers our demands, because «There is no effective thing in the world except God» and «there is no god but Allah».

Even if, for example, you wanted something from the Imams and you reached it, in fact, God has given you the answer of your ask.

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We worship Allah only, and ask for help (for each and everything) only from him.

All creatures are created by God and will return to him.

God said:

﴿أَفَعَيْنَا بِالْحُلُقِ الْأَوَّلِ بَلْ هُمْ فِي لَبْسٍ مِّنْ خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ﴾

Were we tired with the first creation? No, but they are in confused doubt about a new creation (i.e. Resurrection)? <sup>1</sup>

Rumi said: "Life is becoming new like the stream, though in the body it has the semblance of continuity." <sup>2</sup>

﴿خَلَقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ﴾

The creation of the heavens and the earth is indeed greater than the creation of mankind. <sup>3</sup>

﴿أَأَنْتُمْ أَشَدُّ خَلْقًا أَمْ السَّمَاءُ بَنَاهَا﴾

Are you more difficult to create, or the heaven that constructed by God? <sup>4</sup>

Our mind can't understand the boundless heavens.

Rumi said the following poem:

"O God! We are as the harp and you are striking (it with) the plectrum (playing on it): the lamentation is not from us, it is you that are making lamentation.

We are as the flute, and the music in us is from you; we are as the mountain, and the echo in us is from you.

We are as pieces of chess (engaged) in victory and defeat: our victory and defeat is from you. Your attribute are comely!

Who are we, O thou soul of our souls, that we should remain in being beside thee?

We and our existences are (really) non-existences: you are the absolute being which manifests the perishable (causes phenomena to appear).

We all are lions, but lions on a banner: because of the wind they are rushing onward from moment to moment.

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1- Surah Qaf, 15

2- Masnavi, first volume

3- Surah Ghafir or Al-Mu'min (The Forgiver or the Believer), 57

4- Surah An-Nazi'at (Those who pull out), 27

Their onward rush is visible, and the wind is unseen: may that which is unseen never fail!

Our wind (that whereby we are moved) and our being are of thy gift; our whole existence is from thy bringing (us) into being.

Thou didst show the delightfulness of being unto not-being, (after) thou hadst caused not-being to fall in love with thee.

Do not look on us, do not fix thy gaze on us: look on thine own kindness and generosity." <sup>1</sup>

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God said: " I was a hidden treasure, and I didn't want to be known, so I created creatures to be known."

So don't forget that God has manifested in all beings. Never consider an entity as the whole manifestation of God, because it's polytheism.

From long time ago, humans have had an innate inclination for unity and monotheism. For example Hinduism in Rig Veda expresses the monotheistic philosophy, and the Goths have a monotheistic idea in Zoroaster's Avesta.

﴿كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّينَ مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ﴾

Mankind were one community and Allah sent Prophets with glad tidings and warnings, and with them He sent the Scripture in truth to judge between people in matters wherein they differed. <sup>2</sup>

Great philosophers in ancient Greece, consider God as thee only one, and explain God's relationship with creatures. Of course, there were some who believed in different gods, for example god of love and god of fire...

One of the mystics said: «O God! If I worship you for fear of hell, burn me in it. And if I worship you in the hope of paradise, get me out of it. »

Is mysticism taken from the Qur'an? Or it is taken from Buddhism and other religions?

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1- Masnavi, first volume

2- Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 213

﴿وَاللَّهُ الْمَشْرِقُ وَالْمَغْرِبُ فَأَيْنَمَا تُولُوا فَثَمَّ وَجْهُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ﴾

And to Allah belong the east and the west, so wherever you turn yourselves or your faces there is the Face of Allah (and He is High above, over His Throne). Surely! Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knowing.<sup>1</sup>

﴿وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ﴾

Allah is with you (by His Knowledge) wheresoever you may be.<sup>2</sup>

﴿وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ﴾

And we are nearer to him than his jugular vein (by Our Knowledge).<sup>3</sup>

﴿وَمَا رَمَيْتَ إِذْ رَمَيْتَ﴾

And you (Muhammad) didn't throw when you threw, infact Allah threw.<sup>4</sup>

﴿وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ وَمَا تَعْمَلُونَ﴾

Allah has created you and what you make!<sup>5</sup>

﴿وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْكُمْ﴾

We (i.e. our angels who take the soul) are nearer to him than you.<sup>6</sup>

﴿وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ﴾

Allah is Well-Acquainted with what you do.<sup>7</sup>

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1- Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 115

2- Surah Al-Hadid (Iron), 4

3- Surah Qaf, 16

4- Surah Al-Anfal (The Spoils of War), 17

5- Surah As-Saffat (Those Arranged in Ranks), 96

6- Surah Al-Waqi'ah (The Event), 85

7- Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 234

﴿إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ﴾

Certainly, Allah is the All-Knower of what is in the breasts and hearts.<sup>1</sup>

﴿وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُّقْتَدِرًا﴾

Allah is Ever All-Able to do (and also an All-Witness to) everything.<sup>2</sup>

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا﴾

Allah is Ever an All-Watcher over you.<sup>3</sup>

### **Result:**

Islamic mysticism is taken from the Qur'an and monotheist prayers of the Prophet and Imams, and extended with the experience of the Sufis!

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### **Tavern of love**

God created the world on the basis of logical and rational system. Anyone who opposes this system is an enemy of God and is diverted from the right path.

Mystics and sufis believe that the truth is God, and creatures are manifestations of God.

God has mastered the whole world and is the source of the unity of the world.

The manifestation of god has different levels and degrees.

﴿وَقَدْ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ أَطْوَارًا﴾

God has created you in (different) stages.<sup>4</sup>

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1- Surah Al-Anfal (The Spoils of War), 43

2- Surah An-Nisa' (The Women), 85

3- Surah An-Nisa' (The Women), 1

4- Surah Nuh (Noah), 14

See the rays of the sun that shine in the glass and create a variety of shapes. These rays are the manifestations of God's existence.

Hafiz said: " All this reflection of wine and varied picture that have appeared is a splendor of the face of cupbearer. Here, wine means the world, and cupbearer means God."

God is like number one, and the creatures are like zeros that place in front of the number one. So creatures have no meaning without God, and they are zeros.

Belief in **monotheism** is the most modest and most realistic insight of mysticism in human thought.

### **World's dance**

The relationship between God and creatures is like the relationship between dance and dancer. Creatures are nothing without God

The mystics although know that the world is mortal, they believe it is real, not an imagination or thought!

Warning: human thought is very dangerous...

**Materialists** believe that the material is eternal.

**Polytheists** believe in great and smaller gods.

**Disbelievers** disobey God.

**Christians** consider God the Father and Jesus as the Son and the Holy Spirit as mediator of revelation.

**The Jews** consider themselves as the best people among men.

**Hindus** are very superstitious. And...

﴿وَأَنْ تَطْعَ أَكْثَرَ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يُضِلُّوكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ﴾

If you obey most of those on earth, they will mislead you far away from Allah's Path. They follow nothing but conjectures, and they do nothing but lie. <sup>1</sup>

﴿وَأَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ﴾

Most of them have no understanding. <sup>2</sup>

﴿لَا يَفْقَهُونَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا﴾

They don't understand except a little. <sup>3</sup>

Prophet Muhammad said: «Nothing can understand the truth, except the heart of real servant of God. »

Rumi says the following poem to explain this hadith:

" the prophet said that God has said: ' I am not contained at all in "high" and "low" (spatial dimensions); I am not contained in the earth or heaven or even in empyrean-know this for certain, o noble one; (But) I am contained in the true believer's heart; Oh, how wonderful! If you seek me, search in those hearts." <sup>4</sup>

Mind can't understand God with five senses, but human heart is like the cosmos; and God is its throne.

Mind or selfish demands take us away from ourselves and others and God.

In appearance all things are separate, but in fact all are members of a single set.

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### **Monotheistic thoughts of Rumi**

Rumi is called a great thinker. He followed Imam Ali, freed himself from all the limitations, and became a monotheist.

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1- Surah Al-An'am (The Cattle), 116

2- Surah Al-Ma'idah (The Table Spread with Food), 103

3- Surah Al-Fath (The Victory), 15

4- Masnavi, first volume

Imam Ali said: «Do not be a servant of others while God create you as a free creature. »

According to Imam Ali, Rumi said: "All things are created by god, and will return back to him."

Human thought should be free; worshiping God should not be imitation.

Doubts, criticisms and explorations are necessary for the progress of society and culture.

If the imitation and dictatorship dominate society, the cultural death of this society is definitive.

So let others to express their idea freely.

Doesn't God say the following verse?

﴿فَبَشِّرْ عِبَادِ. الَّذِينَ يَسْتَمِعُونَ الْقَوْلَ فَيَتَّبِعُونَ أَحْسَنَهُ﴾

So announce the good news to my slaves, those who listen to the Words and follow the best thereof.<sup>1</sup>

God is the general soul of creation system. And this system is purposeful and lawful.

Science and mysticism are two ways; these are products of thought and manifestation of the soul.

Rumi said: "O God! Everything in the world praises you all the time."<sup>2</sup>

Observation, experience, experiment, and reasoning are the methods of experimental methods. Self-examination, intuition, and getting illumination are for mystics and spiritual scientists. Prophets, Imams, and mystics have saved the people from neglect.

Rumi's teachings teach people that they should not want happiness and prosperity from their favorite people and lovely objects.

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1- Surah Az-Zumar (The Groups), 18

2- Masnavi, first volume

Happiness can be gained only from within and by knowing God!

We shouldn't judge others, because God is the judge.

﴿أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ﴾

Is not Allah the Best of judges? <sup>1</sup>

We must pay attention to the truth of things; Rumi reminds humans of this and says: " Don't pay attention to the beings, pay attention to their creator."

Life is the result of God's kindness and creatorship.

Rumi said:" Geometry, astronomy, science of medicine and philosophy are connected only with this world and has no way (of mounting) up to the Seventh Heaven (unseen world)."

### **Rumi considers love as astrolabe of God's secrets**

In the earthly and formal meaning, love means the emotional and harmonic relationship between men and women, or between father and child, or between student and teacher, and finally between humans!

Earthly love has led to the survival of humanity on the planet, but if these loves are transcendental, they will lead to the knowledge of God.

Rumi said the following poem and expressed the harmony of the world: "Hence philosophers have said that we received these harmonies from the revolution of the (celestial) sphere,

(And that) this (melody) which people sing with pandore and throat is the sound of the revolutions of the sphere;

We all have been parts of Adam; we have heard those melodies in Paradise.

Although the water and earth (of our bodies) have caused a doubt to fall upon us, something of those (melodies) comes (back) to our memory." <sup>2</sup>

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1- Surah At-Tin (The Fig), 8

2- Masnavi, 4<sup>th</sup> volume

So know harmony of the world and God!

Rumi said the following poem in masnavi:

"The form came forth from Formlessness and went back (thither),  
for Verily we are returning to God.

Every moment, you are dying and returning: Mustafá declared that this world is (but) a moment.

Our thought is an arrow (shot) from God (Hú) into the air (hawá): how should it stay in the air? It comes (back) to God.

Every moment the world is renewed, and we are unaware of its being renewed whilst it remains (the same in appearance).

Life is ever arriving anew, like the stream, though in the body it has the semblance of continuity." <sup>1</sup>

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Rumi said: "Each one of the atoms that exist in this earth and heaven is like amber (a magnet) for its congener." <sup>2</sup>

Each positive particle attracts another particle that is a negative pole. The basis of gravity and the law of absorption and excretion of particles is the magnetic energy that exists in particles. And the electromagnetic force consists of two electric and magnetic forces.

﴿سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلَّهَا مِمَّا تُنْبِتُ الْأَرْضُ وَمِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَمِمَّا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

Glory be to Allah, Who has created all the pairs of that which the earth produces, as well as of their own (human) kind (male and female), and of that which they know not.<sup>3</sup>

Yes, many discovered rules express the pairing of objects.

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1- Masnavi, first volume

2- Masnavi, 6<sup>th</sup> volume

3- Surah Ya-Sin,36

The mystics disagree with the controversial intellect, but they praise wisdom and thoughtful intellect.

Mystics must pay attention to both mysticism and wisdom.

﴿كُلُّ شَيْءٍ هَالِكٌ إِلَّا وَجْهَهُ لَهُ الْحُكْمُ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ﴾

Everything will perish save His Face. Decision belongs to God only, and to Him you (all) shall be returned.<sup>1</sup>

Rumi says the following poem and explains the evolution of mankind: "I died to the inorganic state and became endowed with growth, and (then) I died to (vegetable) growth and attained to the animal.

I died from animality and became man; why, then, should I fear? When have I become less by dying?

At the next time, I shall die from man, and I may soar and lift up my head amongst the angels;

Once more I shall be sacrificed and die to the angel; I shall become that which is beyond the imagination;

Then I shall become non-existence; non-existence saith to me, (in tones loud) as an organ, Verily, unto Him shall we return." <sup>2</sup>

The desire of man to flower and plants represents his vegetative evolution in the past. And the temperament of the different animals in humans also reflects this issue.

Consequently, every human being returns to God at the last stage of his evolution.

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Rumi said: "God brings forth the living from the dead; know that the hope of (His) worshippers is non-existence." <sup>3</sup>

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1- Surah Al-Qasas (The Narration), 88

2- Masnavi, 3<sup>rd</sup> volume

3- Masnavi, 5<sup>th</sup> volume

There is existence in non-existence, and non-existence in existence! It means that there is perfection after any defect.

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ فَالِقُ الْحَبِّ وَالنَّوَى يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَمُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتِ مِنَ الْحَيِّ﴾

Verily! It is Allah who causes the seed-grain and the fruit-stone (like date-stone, etc.) to split and sprout. He brings forth the living from the dead, and it is He Who brings forth the dead from the living. Such is Allah, then how are you deluded away from the truth? <sup>1</sup>

What does it mean? Man has been created for survival and immortality.

If there is no darkness, no brightness is known; and there is sunset after every sunrise. And this is the wisdom of God.

Pay attention to the greatness of the sun. Do not waste your time with mortal loves.

Rumi said: "Those loves which are for the sake of a colour (outward beauty) are not love; in the end they are a disgrace." <sup>2</sup>

Even good humans need a mirror to see them selves there, and a good friend is like a mirror that human beings can benefit from it. For example, Shams has said: "Every word that is heard from me is because of presence of Rumi."

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### **Fixed changes**

The manifestation suddenly comes, and comes to the conscious heart. There are two types of manifestation:

First: Unseen identity in the stage of attributes (Grace of God)

Second: Manifestation in the creatures (Intuitive manifestation)

Don't pay attention to the appearance of this world! Pay attention to its creator!

God is immortal. And all fixed changes are from God.

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1- Surah Al-An'am (The Cattle), 95

2- Masnavi, first volume

The purity of the heart is very important, because God is manifested in the pure hearts.

Hafiz said: "If there is no purity, the mosque and the tavern are the same."

Rumi said:

"Hidden things are manifested by means of their opposite; since God has no opposite, He is hidden;

The Light of God has no opposite in (all) existence, that by means of that opposite it should be possible to make Him manifest. " <sup>1</sup>

Mystics believe that God is involved in all creatures, and creatures are nothing without God.

Sheikh Attar said: " If you pay attention to the manifestations of God, you understand that there is nothing in the world other than God."

Consider the spirit of God in man. This spirit is not convinced by this world, it wants to reach the general spirit (God).

God returns this spirit to its origin. And this is the abstract of the teachings of the prophets.

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One day I went to a bookstore in Mecca. The bookseller that knew I was Iranian referred to the shelves and said: "All great Muslim historians are Iranian. See Mohammad bin Jarir Tabari and Moslem Neishabouri, and works of Imam Mohammad Ghazali Tusi."

I said: " I do not have racial prejudice, but I am proud that most Muslim scholars are Iranian."

Most of the great mystics of Islam are Iranian and Persian speakers. See: Ferdowsi, Rudaki, Attar, Bayazid, Rumi, Saadi, Hafiz, Mulla Sadra, and contemporary mystics!

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1- Masnavi, first volume

Imam Baqir (AS) said: «Stay away from hostility in religion, because this hostility will cause hesitation, and its result is hypocrisy and double-dealing. »

The Persian literature has been strongly opposed by hypocrisy, controversy, and abuse of religion. Why? Read books of Hafiz and Ferdowsi and Rumi...

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### **Wise use of moments**

As mentioned before, the only thing that we have is the moment, so do the following:

- Knowledge must be turned into action in order to be wisdom. If knowledge is without action, the person becomes a scholar, but he remains foolish and lacks wisdom!
- Humans must not waste their time and energy for repetitive and unnecessary things.
- Don't seek God in one place, because you will become misled and wandering.
- See God in trees, birds, fishes, animals, flowers, sea, mountains, and everything! He manifests in everything.

Finally we die. Doesn't God say: "Truly! Everything belongs to God and shall return to him. "?

- Increase your insight, so you can see more beauties around yourself. When the man knows the world as a party of God, this belief will make him happy.
- Know your true self. A person who trusts himself knows his existential capabilities, and becomes more prosperous everyday. So get rid of worries and concerns, and be kind with creatures. As God said in the holy Qur'an that: "Making peace is better."

So clean your heart from grudge and jealousy.

●The philosophers try to prove God by rational reasons. Also, some others seek god in moon-faced people. No, no, no, all of them are misleading! God should be searched only in himself!

All beings have their own existence from God. Existence of being is the most obvious reason for the existence of God.

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God is creator and creative!

Creation has always been, and will be; even empty spaces mean the existence of space in space that the existence of objects in it is understood (beings).

The laws of the world don't change. We have chosen names for them, for example: law of gravity, entropy, motion, energy... The transformation, creation of new things, adaptation of conditions, and evolution are other laws of God.

The verses of the holy Quran are righteous words, and Qur'an is the end of the struggle between materialists and philosophers and argumentators! There is no power and energy without God's command. We and all of the phenomena are from Allah, and will return to him.

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### **Prove yourself!**

God is intrinsically proven, and he doesn't need any proof.

Existence is a manifestation of God, God can not be defined, but our being is the clearest reason for his existence.

Although our senses and perceptions are limited, and our definitions of existence limit it, but all creatures are growing up without attention. Is not it? When we are asleep, hydrogen and helium change within the sun. Plants grow, animals are born, and galaxies rotate.

So what do we prove? Or what do we deny? Can we deny our selves and our existence?

Rumi said: "We were not; and there was no demand for us to come to this world, but God's grace was hearkening to our unspoken prayer (and calling us into existence)." <sup>1</sup>

God's commandments and traditions and laws of God are dominant in the world. We must believe that existence is God's manifestation, and god is the lord of all creatures.

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Our father, Adam, was deceived and driven out of primary Paradise. Now we are in the hell.

﴿وَإِنْ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا وَارِدُهَا كَانَ عَلَىٰ رَبِّكَ حَتْمًا مَّقْضِيًّا﴾

All of you enter into the hell without exception; this is a Decree of your lord which must be accomplished. <sup>2</sup>

Then, if we are believers, we will go to paradise.

﴿وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ﴾

Towards Paradise, the width whereof is as the width of heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup>

There are two paradises in the first and the last, and a Hell between them!

One of the great people says: " O God! You are enough for us! I'm going to fire the paradise and pour water in the hell...so your servant will worship you for yourself, not for hell or paradise."

Recitation of the Qur'an, wind blow, nightingale singing, roar of thunder, plant growth, the buzz of animals, dance of leaves, sea storm , all of them are manifestations of God.

God has inspired every creature to praise him in his own language. All the voices of the world praise God.

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1- Masnavi, first volume

2- Surah Maryam (Mary), 71

3- Surah Al-Hadid (Iron), 21

## This world is a convent for the mystics!

Prophet Muhammad said: «This life is like a plantation for eternal life! »

Every moment is like the text that we write, and our heart is a temple for our love to God.

Life and death are great blessings! And this is the wisdom of God!

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﴿إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ . وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ . لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ . تَنزِيلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِم مِّن كُلِّ أَمْرٍ . سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ﴾

Verily! We have sent the Qur'an down in the night of Qadr (Decree) and what will make you know what is the Qadr night? Qadr night is better than a thousand months (i.e. worshipping Allah in that night is better than worshipping Him a thousand months). Therein descend the angels and the Gabriel by Allah's Permission. At that night, there is Peace and Goodness from Allah to His believing slaves until the appearance of dawn. <sup>1</sup>

Qadr night is not related to the martyrdom of Imam Ali (AS), because this night was holy at the beginning of Islam and before Imam Ali's martyrdom. But this night coincides with the 19-21- 23<sup>th</sup> nights of Ramadan (Imam Ali's Martyrdom Nights), and this is very interesting.

One of the great mystics says: "One of the nights of the last decade of Ramadan is the night of Qadr."

Shiites emphasize the 23<sup>rd</sup> night of Ramadan, and Sunnis emphasize 27<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan. And God knows better the truth...

God knows the most detailed and general things.

﴿يَعْلَمُ خَائِنَةَ الْأَعْيُنِ وَمَا تُخْفِي الصُّدُورُ﴾

Allah knows the fraud of the eyes, and all that the breasts conceal.<sup>2</sup>

But Qadr night must be the moment a man understands himself .And maybe that is why the Qadr night is unknown.

1- Surah Al-Qadr (The Night of Decree)

2- Surah Ghafir or Al-Mu'min (The Forgiver or The Believer), 19

So Qadr night means waking up from mental neglect.

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﴿وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا﴾

And hold fast all of you together to the Rope of Allah (Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves.<sup>1</sup>

What is the reason for the fights of different sects and parties and different intellectuals in Islam?

Aren't these Fights for the correctness or inaccuracy of the work of the predecessors?

So pay attention to the following verses of Qur'an:

﴿تِلْكَ أُمَّةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَلَكُمْ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ﴾

That was a nation who has passed away. They shall receive the reward of what they earned and you of what you earn. And you will not be asked of what they used to do.<sup>2</sup>

﴿أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ﴾

Is not Allah the Best of judges? <sup>3</sup>

Oysters must be broken, so that their pearls are revealed.

The seed must be open, so the tree is born.

The fight over people must be over, so that the truth of Islam can be revealed.

Fanatism and conflicts prevent us from knowing the truth. So get rid of disputes and conflicts caused by the mind, and get help from the Qur'an.

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1- Surah Ale-Imran (The Family of Imran), 103

2- Surah Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 134

3- Surah At-Tin (The Fig), 8

Ferdowsi is a great poet who says the epic, and invites people to courage and self-esteem. He said the following poem:  
"The world is full of wonders, and no one has the right to judge others. Your body and your soul are wonderful, first you should check out yourself.  
God is creator of the world and the best judge."

And he also said:  
" There is nothing better than monotheism, God is the one."

**Wisdom is the main message of Ferdowsi's Shahnameh**, especially in a society of superstition.

He said in Shahnameh that:  
" Wisdom is the eye of the soul to see the truth! It is the best thing that God has given to man, and it is useful for this world and the future life."

It is good to read again the Shahnameh, letter of truth and courage.

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Self-knowledge means knowing the soul, not only knowing the mind.

Judgments, grudges, Jealousies, and prejudices are all the works of the mind, but our soul is a place for understanding **monotheism**.  
If you leave your minds, you can understand monotheism.

Watch the world carefully; the fundamental particles of the world are made of dense light. And God says in holy Qur'an that: ﴿Allah is the light of the earth and heaven.﴾

World is the story of the advent of God's will.

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Polytheism is the result of delusion and our mentality, and it is the oppression to God.

Believing in God and unseen world should be from the depth of the heart.

Imitation faith, mental ideology, and hereditary religion aren't useful, because they are made by the mind.

So never rely on your mind.

Learn how to use your mind properly, control your mind, imagine the best things, and improve your life. So you will reach your best imagination!

Creative mind, good feeling, positive thought, leaving the past, focusing on the happy aspect of life, relying on life's blessings, not thinking about shortcomings, all of them can help us to improve our lives.

But know that mind isn't useful for understanding God; only your heart and spirit can help you to know him.

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Is death the end of everything or a beginning of new evolution to see the results of our deeds?

God said in holy Qur'an that:

﴿فَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ خَيْرًا يَرَهُ . وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ شَرًّا يَرَهُ﴾

So whosoever does good equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant), shall see it. And whosoever does evil equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant), shall see the result of it. <sup>1</sup>

Rumi said: "This world is like a mountain, and our actions are like the voices. Finally, we receive the the reflection of our voices." <sup>2</sup>

This world is like a camera that records our actions, thoughts, and words.

﴿أَلَمْ يَعْلَم بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَرَى﴾

Doesn't he know that Allah sees everything he does? <sup>3</sup>

God sees whatever we do, even watering in the glass or killing the ant.

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1- Surah Al-Zalzalah (The Earthquake), 7 & 8

2- Masnavi, first volume

3- Surah Al-Alaq (The Clot), 14

Our actions are like the transient moments of a movie, and we are the main actresses of this movie. Life is based on actions and reactions, so be careful about actions.

﴿ مِنْهَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ وَفِيهَا نُعِيدُكُمْ وَمِنْهَا نُخْرِجُكُمْ تَارَةً أُخْرَى ﴾

God said to humans that: "We created you from the earth, and we shall return you into it, and from it we shall bring you out once again." <sup>1</sup>

Rumi also believes that human beings will reborn after death and see the result of their actions.

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### **What should you do to enjoy your time?**

One of the great poets says: "Paradise is a moment of life's moments that we are happy and hell is a moment when we suffer in vain."

We must find the secret of enjoying the time.

Life is like a canvas that is white in the beginning, and we paint it with our actions.

So choose love, happiness, and good time; the profit and loss of each human being is determined by this choice.

God said in holy Qur'an that:

﴿ إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِرًا وَإِمَّا كَفُورًا ﴾

Verily, we showed him the way, whether he be grateful or ungrateful. <sup>2</sup>

Life is too short, so we do not have to experience everything ourselves, use the experiences of others.

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1- Surah Ta-Ha, 55

2- Surah Al-Insan (Man or Time), 3

## **Take advantage of others' experiences**

Religious way of prophets and imams is a secure and sure way to follow!

Why do we waste our time with misleading ways? Man should not waste his time and energy for unnecessary things.

If you want to go to the Himalayan peak, you should not try all the ways to get there, but you have to choose a low-risk way by asking others.

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What are the human flight wings?

In our life there are two precious things based on wisdom.

First...meditation and self-knowledge

Second...love to God

Meditation means thinking deeply in silence. Don't wait for tomorrow, be happy, and enjoy your life!

Don't blame a flower for its thorns. Greet everyone with respect.

Ask yourself every day and every night: Who am I? What I do? Where am I? What is the roadmap? Who are real guides?

Meditation should be learned and practiced, so divine love flourishes within us.

Know your weaknesses and strengths. Get to know yourself.

Turn off your mind, because mind is selfish and it can not understand God.

Pay attention to birds' flight, sun's smile, stars' twinkle, and everything in the world; so you know that everything is from God!

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In the story of Masnavi, the teacher told his student to bring the glass out of the pillow. The student was squint-eyed, and saw 2 glasses. So he said: "Which one do I bring?" the teacher replied: "break one of them." so the student realized that there was only one glass.

In this story breaking one of the glasses is a symbol of breaking selfishness and subjectivism. If you get rid of them, the only thing that you see is God.

Meditation is done in silence, because in the silence mind isn't active, it's off.

God is greater than everything, and he is in the broken hearts, it means that if your heart becomes empty of materialism, it can understand God.

### **The seasons**

Our life, like nature, has four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter.

Childhood is the spring and beginning of life.

15 to 20 years old is full of vitality, this is the summer of life.

30 to 40 years old is colorful like autumn, but it tends to be yellowish and old.

45 to 50 years old is a period of aging and coolness, this is winter of life!

Some people live positively and thank God for every moment! But some others only live in pleasure!

Finally, both of them will die. So blessed are those who are real men, and have benefited from their time.

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Don't carry the burden of your misconceptions. Philosophy, reasoning, controversy and fallacy are mental barriers that waste life.

﴿كَمَثَلِ الْحِمَارِ يَحْمِلُ أَسْفَارًا﴾

The likeness of those who were entrusted with the (obligation of the) Taurat (Torah) (i.e. to obey its commandments and to practise its legal laws), but who subsequently failed in those (obligations), is as the likeness of a donkey who carries huge burdens of books (but understands nothing from them).<sup>1</sup>

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1- Surah Al-Jumu'ah (Friday), 5

If our knowledge comes to a point where we know that we don't know anything, we reach the consciousness of the heart.

Imam Ali says: "The ultimate reason is confessing to ignorance."

And Socrates said: " When I was young I thought that I knew so much, but when I was old I knew I did not know anything!"

Everyone carries his suspicion, so we shouldn't judge others.

Rumi said: " Without God's command no one in His kingdom shall add (so much as) the tip of a single hair. (This is because Allah has created humans and what they make!) "

Creatures are not effective without the permission of God.

Humans are free to choose piety or debauchery, but know that this is also the will of God! Every human being's behavior reflects the effects of hereditary factors, his environment, culture, work, and personality. But humans are able to change many of these factors by meditation, yoga, fast, self-development, setting up sleep and awakening, and ethical control.

Prophet Muhammad said:" What God wanted to happen happened." So if God doesn't want something, it won't be done.

Rumi said: "O God, O Thou whose bounty fulfils (every) need, it is not allowable to mention any one beside Thee.  
O brother, collect thy wits for an instant (and think): from moment to moment (incessantly) there is autumn and spring within thee."

Consequently, fate and destiny are always there; and man's plan will be done if God wants.

## Eternal memory

﴿أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ﴾

And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loin his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): "Am I not your Lord?" They said: "Yes! <sup>1</sup>

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1- Surah Al-A'raf (The Heights), 172

The sacred voice of God remains in the memory of human hearing! And everything in the heavens and the earth praises God.

Rumi expresses different human attitudes about God and said:  
One said: "Where was God before the appearance of heavens and the earth?"

I answered: " This question is wrong from the base, because God is beyond the place."

Imam Reza said: «Be optimistic about God, because God said:" My action is consistent with what my servant regards to me. If he thinks about my mercy, he will benefit from it. And if he thinks about my punishment and wrath, he will suffer from these. »

So find your God, and talk to him. Ask from him whatever you want, and don't wait for any help except God's help.

One of the great poets said: " No matter the days and passers-by are passing. O God! You stay, there is no purity except you."

In prayer, ask God to improve and change your destiny. And know that God is beyond our imagination and understanding.

