

The background of the cover is a soft, ethereal landscape. It features rolling sand dunes in the foreground, rendered in warm, golden-yellow tones. Above the dunes, a bright sun is positioned, creating a dramatic starburst effect with numerous rays of light that fan out across the sky. The sky itself is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and yellows, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

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MAN IS A TRAVELLER TO PARADISE

The question, “Who am I?” is a profound one posed by everyone, whether consciously or unconsciously. The answer to this is simple yet profound: “I am a traveller on the path to paradise.” This response beautifully captures the essence of life’s journey, where every step, action, and intention brings us closer to our higher purpose and the ultimate destination of eternal peace.

The question “Who am I?” is asked by everyone, consciously or unconsciously. The answer is: I am a traveller to Paradise. This world is a pathway, and Paradise is its final destination. Humanity has come here to tread this path on the way to eternal bliss.

Paradise is an eternal abode: a perfect place for all kinds of happiness and comfort. It is free from all kinds of limitations and disadvantages. Paradise is the realization of humanity’s dream of an ideal world. If the present world is a ‘thorn,’ then Paradise is the ‘rose.’

In this world, everyone suffers from frustration and failure. The reason is that everyone wants to find their desired world in this present world itself, whereas this limited and ephemeral world is not created for this purpose. This is why, despite all efforts, one fails to find one’s dream world in this life. The present world, in actual fact, makes Paradise understandable to us. It is not Paradise itself. But humanity often mistakes it for its destination, and life thus becomes a series of missed opportunities.

By nature, the present world is an imperfect and limited model. It serves as an introduction to Paradise, but it is not Paradise

itself. This world is a waiting room, not the final destination of the journey.

During this limited lifespan on Earth, what humanity needs to do, first and foremost, is to seek the Creator and Sustainer of this universe. Having seen a glimpse of Paradise on this earth, one should become its seeker with all one's heart. Intellectually, spiritually, and morally, one should make oneself deserving of an abode in the extreme refinement of Paradise. One should devote this present lifespan to prepare for an unlimited life in the Hereafter.

Every man and woman born in this world is like an 'ore,' which has to be refined and fashioned into steel. They have to elevate themselves so that they may become a part of the consummate world of the Hereafter.

Every living being has to awaken their consciousness to the ultimate extent. Human beings are born at the animalistic level. They have to elevate themselves through intellectual and spiritual development. Those human beings who are not able to attain the human level will find a place in the 'dustbin' of the Hereafter, which is another name for Hell. Those who succeed in reaching that high level of humanity will find a place in the orchard of happiness in the world to come, which is what we call Paradise.

Animals have no consciousness of tomorrow. They live only in their 'today' and die in their 'today.' In contrast, humans have a sense of tomorrow. Humanity cherishes a very pleasant consciousness of tomorrow, an aspiration towards a better day, or the fulfilment of its dreams. All people strive hard to make their tomorrow better and better, but they do not find

this ‘tomorrow.’ The reason is that this ‘tomorrow’ is not to materialize in this world, but will come into existence in the eternal life to come, i.e., in the Hereafter.

After death, everyone will discover that ‘tomorrow.’ Those who have prepared for it will meet with all kinds of success in the Hereafter in Paradise, while those who have not made the necessary preparations will be doomed. They will be denied all the good things of that life.

MAN AND PARADISE

God has created an ideal world called Paradise. It is a world of everlasting joy and bliss. God has divided man’s lives into two parts: a short period on Earth for a test, and the rest in the Hereafter for reaping the rewards of our actions.

God has created an ideal world called Paradise—a realm of everlasting joy and bliss, unmarred by turmoil or pain. In Paradise, one is never beset by anguish or calamity. It is a trouble-free world of infinite blessings, where neither death, boredom, nor grief exists.

The search for such an ideal world is an instinctive urge in man. Everyone seeks an invisible Paradise, yet no one can find such infinite blessings in this present, finite world. God has reserved it for the Hereafter.

Paradise is not granted automatically; only those who perform righteous deeds on Earth will be deserving of it. God has divided our lives into two parts: a short period on Earth and eternal life

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in the Hereafter. This world is for action, while the next world is for reaping the rewards of those actions.

Man is free to act as he wishes on Earth, but this freedom is merely a test. He should recognize it as such and not revel in his power. Those who are not deluded by their temporary authority and never lose sight of their true position will be granted Paradise. Those who rebel based on their worldly power will abide in Hell.

All real power in this world belongs to God alone. He is the Lord of all things, and no one can escape His control for an instant. Those who acknowledge this truth will submit to God willingly. They are the ones who are worthy of Paradise. Those who deny this fact and follow their impulses wherever they lead are offenders in God's sight and will have no share in the blessings of the Hereafter.

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A truly successful man leads the life of 'today', the temporary world of tests, in such a way that his 'tomorrow', the eternal phase of life after death in Paradise, is full of joy. Only such a man can be called a truly successful man. Such a man is treading the Road to Paradise.

The world of nature is a flawless system. It engages in various activities without causing noise pollution. Its 'factories' operate round the clock without producing smog. Despite the existence of vast industries, the water remains unsullied. For millions of years, nature has functioned without causing deterioration

or accidents. All its components are active, yet there are no labour problems. Though transient and not eternal, nature is a complete world.

Sometimes, events like landslides, floods, droughts, volcanic eruptions, and earthquakes occur, leading some to believe that nature is not free from evil. However, such opinions stem from misunderstandings. These seemingly undesirable events either maintain balance in nature or serve to teach humility to humanity. They are, in fact, necessary to preserve the natural order.

In contrast, our world is full of contradictions. While everything in nature is perfect, the human world is marred by flaws and shortcomings, leading to constant unrest. Humanity's story is one of continuous effort to overcome this dissatisfaction.

Everyone dreams of a perfect world, or 'paradise,' and it's fair to say that humans are indeed seekers of Paradise. One thinker noted that everything in this world is beautiful except for humans. This observation highlights a strange contradiction in our material world. While everything else has reached its ultimate form, human life remains imperfect, plagued by suffering, old age, accidents, and death. Even in the absence of apparent problems, boredom and tension persist.

Why this contradiction? The answer lies in the existence of a Paradise in the next world, created by the universe's Creator to fulfil human desires. This world is free from all limitations, including fear and pain. In this eternal realm, humans will live to their full potential, experiencing no decline or decay.

The natural world operates with zero defects, where everything

is on a final model. Although man has been created in his final form, human life is imperfect and marked by various evils. This dualism within the universe logically demands that this contradiction be resolved. The man should also attain a perfect life, just as the rest of nature has. However, this difference is not inherently evil; it aligns with God's creation plan.

God has created a perfect world called Paradise, but entry is selective. Only those who meet the standards of Paradise's citizenship in their earthly lives will be granted a place in this perfect world. This Paradise, hidden from our eyes due to human trials, is reserved for those who possess the necessary qualifications.

This Paradise exists in the world after death. The stage before death is one of preparation, and the stage after death is one of reward based on that preparation. Man's trial is to discover God, who is in the Unseen, and to voluntarily submit to Him before seeing Him. The desire for Paradise should make this world seem insignificant. Man must adopt divine ethics without external pressure, develop intellectually and spiritually, and become capable of inhabiting the refined world of Paradise.

Paradise is a heavenly realm where peace, love, and noble character prevail. Only those who have maintained a high moral character will find a place there. For those who lack a concept of Paradise, total satisfaction in this world will remain an unattainable dream. Despite all efforts, they will fail to construct their dream world.

However, one who discovers Paradise begins to experience it even in this world. Here, they will enjoy the intellectual pleasure of this discovery, and after death, they will experience it fully.

Today, they are blessed with peace of mind; tomorrow, they will live this peaceful life in the external world as well.

In the perfect world of nature, the imperfect human world appears contradictory. But Paradise resolves this contradiction. It signifies a perfect world of eternal comfort and pleasure, a world with meaning greater than even the present world. This divine plan may be what Jesus Christ alluded to when he prayed: “Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew: Chapter 6)

WORLD OF TODAY, WORLD OF TOMORROW

Human life consists of two stages—the temporary pre-death and the eternal post-death periods. This division is so that whatever one could not obtain in ‘today,’ the present world, they may be able to achieve in ‘tomorrow,’ the world of the Hereafter.

In the known universe, human beings are the only creatures who possess intelligence. As far as we know, no other creature shares this quality with them. Animals, too, are living creatures, but their actions are entirely determined by instincts. In ordinary language, we can refer to instincts as the unconscious mind. The conscious mind is a quality unique to humans and is not found in any other species.

According to modern research, the human brain contains approximately 100 billion neurons! In terms of their capacities,

humans are born with vast potential, but experience tells us that almost every person dies with the regret that they could not achieve all they had wanted to in this world. Fulfilment is a deep desire in humans. However, nearly everyone dies without attaining this sense of fulfilment, making this tragedy the fate of most people in this world.

There are various sorts of animals on earth. They are born and die like humans, but the sense mentioned above of lack of fulfilment is not a problem for them.

There is a reason for this fundamental difference between humans and animals. Among all creatures, humans are unique in possessing the concept of 'tomorrow' or the future. It is as if an indelible part of human nature is to want to extend their 'today' into 'tomorrow.' Humans seek to obtain in their 'tomorrow' what they failed to achieve in their 'today.'

The case of animals is different. Animals have no concept of 'tomorrow.' They live only in the present moment. They exist solely in 'today' and die in this same 'today.' So, even though some actions of certain animals may appear to be based on a concept of 'tomorrow'—for example, ants collecting food for the next season—this behaviour is driven by instinctual demands, not by a consciousness of 'tomorrow' or the future.

Human life consists of two stages—the pre-death and post-death periods. The former is temporary, and the latter is eternal. This division exists so that whatever a person could not obtain in 'today,' the present world, they may be able to achieve in 'tomorrow,' the world of the Hereafter.

As mentioned earlier, the human brain contains approximately

100 billion neurons. In other words, the human brain has enormous potential. This potential is so great that a person's natural lifespan on Earth is insufficient to utilize it fully. Even if human life were much longer, the conditions of this world are so limited that in a finite world, people would still not be able to harness all the potential of their minds fully.

Humans need a very long life and a much larger world for complete fulfilment. However, under present conditions, the potential of the human mind remains grossly underutilized. Keeping this fact in mind, a person's life on Earth seems like the tiny tip of a giant iceberg. A small portion of this 'iceberg' is visible during the pre-death period of life, while the remaining, much larger part is hidden in the eternal post-death phase of life. Without acknowledging this fact, human life cannot be adequately explained. Human life can only be understood when this reality is taken into consideration. Furthermore, when something becomes the only possible explanation for a phenomenon, it serves as intellectual evidence that this explanation is correct.

If you keep this reality in mind and analyze life, you will realize that the present world is only a temporary place for humans. It is not their permanent or eternal destination.

Every person must inevitably face death. Death is like a bridge between the two phases of life. It is the transition from temporary life to eternal life. The present world is where humans undergo training. The pre-death period is a training phase. Here, individuals prepare themselves for the Hereafter during their temporary stay. Then, after death, they are transferred to the next, eternal world. If they are eligible for Paradise, they will

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have the opportunity to utilize all the potentials of their minds and experience the joy of complete fulfilment. In this second period, only those who have properly trained themselves during the first phase of life will find a place in Paradise. Those who enter the Hereafter untrained will be unable to take advantage of the opportunities available there. They will be wholly deprived of fulfilment, and no harsher recompense could be conceived than this.

If a person lives only in their ‘today’—indulging in the pleasures of this world—and dies in this ‘today’ as well, they lead an animal-like life and die an animal-like death. On the other hand, a truly successful person leads the life of ‘today’—the temporary world of testing—in such a way that their ‘tomorrow’—the eternal phase of life after death in Paradise—is filled with joy. Only such a person can be called truly successful, as they are on the path to Paradise.

CREATION PLAN OF GOD

In this world of tests, God is selecting those who are fit to inhabit Paradise in the Hereafter. To test man, God has given him complete freedom to choose his actions. Only if he uses his freedom wisely, surrenders to God, and moulds his life according to God’s Creation Plan will he qualify for Paradise.

For thousands of years, man has sought Paradise on Earth due to his natural urges. With the advent of the Industrial Revolution and the age of consumerism, man thought that he could build a Paradise on Earth, believing that the Industrial

Age would culminate in the perfect world—Paradise—that he longed for. However, these hopes were dashed with the arrival of pollution, acid rain, and global warming. Moreover, global warming has made it abundantly clear that man cannot build a Paradise on Earth.

Paradise will only be found in a state of perfection in the Hereafter. In Paradise, man will experience a life of eternal joy, peace, and happiness. There will be no need for physical labour; pleasant intellectual activities will suffice to achieve all desired goals. Man must realize that he stands on the threshold of Paradise. The present Earth is a Paradise-in-the-making, not Paradise itself. So, how can man achieve the Paradise of his dreams?

To find an answer to this question, one must become aware of the Creation Plan of God. God has created man according to His Plan. To become acquainted with this plan, man must thoroughly understand himself. Just as the workings of a machine can only be understood when we study the engineer's drawings, the same principle applies to understanding man. Besides the engineer's mind, there is no other way to clarify what the machine is meant for. The case is the same for man. Only by understanding the Creation Plan of the Creator can we know the purpose of man's life.

Man's existence is such a unique phenomenon that no comparable example can be found throughout the vastness of the cosmos. Man is rightly called the 'best of all creations,' which means the best and most meaningful 'being' among all created things. Such a 'meaningful being' cannot have been created without a purpose. The Creator of man has created him according to a

unique plan. The Quran, the only preserved religious scripture, sheds light on this plan:

“He created death and life so that He might test you, and find out which of you is best in conduct.” (67:2)

According to this verse of the Quran, man was created as an eternal being, and ‘death and life’ represent both the pre-death and post-death periods of human life. Thus, death and life encompass the entire eternal lifespan of human beings. The Creator of man has created him according to a unique plan. His intention is for man to undergo a period of trial in this present, imperfect world, and then, based on his deeds, he will earn the right to inhabit the perfect and eternal world, which is another name for Paradise.

According to His will, God created a perfect world called Paradise—a world that fulfils all our human desires, free of all limitations and disadvantages, free of fear and pain, and free of all imperfections. It is an eternal world with neither death nor old age, an ideal world where we can achieve fulfilment.

Less-than-perfect beings cannot inhabit a perfect Paradise. Therefore, God created perfection-seeking creatures—human beings. He intended for us to spend a period of trial here on Earth. After this, we will earn the right to inhabit the perfect and eternal world according to our deeds.

The essence of God’s creation plan is to grant a person complete freedom—not as a gift, but as a test. This test enables God to judge who misuses their freedom and who uses it wisely. This is the divine scheme for humanity. In the pre-death period of life, individuals have the opportunity to qualify themselves for

Paradise so that in the post-death period, they may be settled as deserving candidates in this perfect world.

This world, therefore, has all the components necessary for a test. It contains perfection-seeking beings in a less-than-perfect world who have been given complete freedom to choose their actions. Thus, we have a choice—we can misuse our freedom to do evil or use our freedom wisely, submit to God, and qualify for Paradise. Those who misuse their God-given freedom are warned in the Quran:

“This is the Truth from your Lord. Let him who will believe in it and him who will deny it.” (18:29)

The Creator of the world has created this world as one half of a pair—the present world, in which we live after birth, is the first half; the next eternal world, where we live after death, is the other half. The Creator of man has further designed him as an eternal creature and divided his life into two periods: the pre-death period, which is life in this world, and the post-death period, or life after death. The limited period before death is meant to be a test for man, while the eternal period after his death will be a time of reward or punishment based on his performance in this life’s test.

According to this Creation Plan of God, human beings are placed in situations where they face hardships from time to time throughout their lives as part of their test. Difficulty and sadness are integral parts of the Creator’s plan. No man has the power to extricate himself from this life of trial and tribulation. This arrangement serves as a reminder that the present world has not been made as a place of luxury and comfort but as a period

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of trial to determine whether he is eligible for eternal life in Paradise. This is the scheme of existence for this world devised by its Creator. The Creator aims to select those who are fit to inhabit the world of Paradise.

FREEDOM FOR A TEST

Those who are worthy of abiding in the future world of Paradise are being selected in this world. Those who obey God, despite their freedom, and voluntarily impose the will of God upon themselves are deserving of Paradise.

The freedom which man has been given on Earth is not permanent. It has been granted to him for a certain time and a specific reason: that he may be put to the test. God wishes to see who make good use of their freedom so that He may reward such people with eternal Paradise in the world Hereafter. Those who are spoiled by their freedom will be cast into Hell.

The world will end when the test of man is complete. When man's test has run its course, the Lord will take over direct control of the Earth, as He has already done with the rest of the universe. Then, the good will be separated from the bad. The good people will inherit life everlasting in Paradise, while the wicked will be condemned to eternal punishment.

Those who are worthy of abiding in the future world of Paradise are being selected in this world. Those who obey God, despite their freedom, and voluntarily impose the will of God upon themselves are deserving of Paradise. During the period of man's trial, all kinds of people have been allowed to inhabit the

world. When the trial of man has run its course, however, only the righteous will be fit to inherit the evergreen world of God. Others will be denied entrance into Paradise; they will be cast into a world of everlasting anguish and despair.

PARADISE AND MAN

Man is created for Paradise, and Paradise is created for man. If man can save himself from distractions and remain steadfast on the path to Paradise, he will certainly realize his true divine nature and conscience. By doing so, he will be deemed worthy of entering Paradise by God Almighty.

God has created man essentially for Paradise. According to the divine plan, Paradise is the only fitting place for a noble soul like man. The truth is that man and Paradise are counterparts to one another: Paradise is made for man, and man is made for Paradise. Man seeks Paradise, and Paradise seeks man. Man is incomplete without Paradise, and Paradise is incomplete without man. It is part of God's creation plan that human beings should be trained in this world to deserve to be lodged in the eternal world of Paradise.

The condition laid down by God for entry into Paradise is entirely practicable. The condition is that man must lead his life according to the natural state bestowed upon him by God at birth, and he should reach God (after death) in that same natural state: "And he alone will be saved who comes to God with a sound heart." (*Quran*, 26:89)

This is the only condition for entry into Paradise: that man must

adhere to the nature he is born with, as given by God. He must not deviate from this divine nature. God “inspired this (divine nature) so that he might understand what was right and wrong for it.” (*Quran*, 91:8). If a man saves himself from distraction, he will certainly discover his true nature, which is in the form of conscience within every human being.

This conscience is an internal sign of this divine nature. God's prophets came to the world to make men aware of this nature so that what exists within man at the unconscious level might be consciously discovered. The truth is that man is for Paradise, and Paradise is for man. The only exception to this rule is one who knowingly deviates from the path towards Paradise.

PARADISE: GOD'S NEIGHBOURHOOD

Paradise is another name for eternal life in the neighbourhood of God (*Quran*, 66:11). In the world before death, man lives in the neighbourhood of God at the level of mind and feeling. After death, his living in the world of God will be a reality.

Man is regarded as a pleasure-seeking animal. Pleasure is a unique phenomenon experienced exclusively by human beings. The desire in humans for all kinds of pleasures is limitless. But in the present world, these desires of men and women are rarely fulfilled. Almost without exception, every one of us leaves the world without having attained total fulfilment, be he rich or poor, illiterate or educated, a commoner or a king.

There is a long list of pleasures man seeks to enjoy: intellectual pleasure, the pleasure of sight, hearing, taste, touch, speech,

companionship, study, discovery, happiness, etc. The pleasure derived from all these things by man is limitless. However, man is not able to experience these limitless pleasures in the present world. He is in search of them, but very soon, his time to leave the world approaches. While man may experience moments of pleasure, he is unable to satisfy his desires fully. This world only gives him a glimpse of eternal Paradise. The limitless pleasure that man seeks lies in the eternal world of Paradise in the Hereafter.

The good fortune of finding a place in God's neighbourhood in the eternal life of the Hereafter will be based entirely on merit. God's neighbourhood is like a universal garden. In this universal garden, only those who meet the divine criterion will find a place. Anything short of this will not be sufficient to guarantee a place in this universal garden.

Who will be eligible for entry into God's Paradise? God will allow only those who adhere to divine ethics at two levels: one related to man versus man and the other related to man versus God. These two codes of ethics differ in their dimensions. In relation to man, moral behaviour is, in fact, social behaviour governed by social ethics. Adherence to the social moral code causes man to lead a harmless life in society. When people see that he is good to others, they regard him as a good member of society.

However, no one can be considered deserving of entering Paradise merely by adhering to social ethics. To be deserving of entry into the neighbourhood of God, man must also live up to the moral code related to God—this is the realization of God. When an individual discovers his Creator, his mind is

transformed. His divine nature is awakened, and, as a result, he develops all those qualities that meet the standard of elevated human ethics.

Divine ethics is, in fact, a phenomenon that arises after the realization of God. God, being the Creator, loves His servants. Therefore, man also begins to love other human beings. The belief that God is the judge on the Day of Judgement produces in man a strong sense of accountability. He refrains from using words and committing deeds that would cause God to hold him to account and punish him severely. Such a person believes that God is both the Giver and the Taker—one who can take away what He has given. This feeling puts a complete end to human arrogance. Viewing someone as inferior becomes an attitude he cannot afford.

Where the social code of ethics permits certain freedoms, the divine code of ethics—the result of the believer's relationship of servitude to God—sets boundaries. In short, the former code of ethics is worldly, whereas the latter is heavenly. Social ethics is narrower in scope, unlike divine ethics, which encompasses everything.

Everything has a price, and the price of Paradise is the realization of God. Nothing less can open the gates of Paradise. The truth is that if anything less than the realization of God is regarded as the price of Paradise, it constitutes a belittling of Paradise.

Those selected for Paradise are the ones who have made God their supreme concern in this life. Their thoughts and feelings have been devoted to God. Their mornings and evenings have been filled with the remembrance of God. These are the

fortunate souls who will be chosen to live in the neighbourhood of God for all eternity.

THE REALITY OF PARADISE

Paradise is the name of God's neighbourhood. Only those will find a place in Paradise who discover God while He is unseen and start living in the vicinity of God in this world itself.

Paradise is a unique world created by God. All forms of comfort and happiness of the highest standard exist in Paradise to the fullest extent. It is the place where one will attain every kind of everlasting fulfilment. (*Quran*, 41:31)

Who will gain entry into this unique world of Paradise? This eternal world after death is for those men and women who will pay the price for it. It is for those who become truly God-oriented. Man, who appears distant from God, becomes closer to Him at the level of realization.

Paradise is the name of God's neighbourhood. Only those who begin living in the vicinity of God in this world before the Hereafter will gain entry into His neighbourhood.

Man sees himself as a created being, but he must discover God as a Being, not as a being created by anyone. In this world, people believe in things by seeing them, but they must believe in God without seeing Him. Human beings have immense love for wealth and children, but they must come to fear and love God the most, establishing a relationship with Him on that basis.

Human beings live for the things of this world and attach

importance to them, but Paradise is for those who can rise above worldly attachments and develop supreme concern for God alone. If one's interest is focused on his family and his people, with a relationship with God limited to formal rituals, he will not find a place in Paradise. Only those who are focused on God, with all their interests being God-oriented, will find a place in Paradise. Their relationships with everything and everyone else are purely duty or need-based, such as caring for the family. Essentially, they love God and God alone.

PARADISE OF THIS WORLD, PARADISE OF THE HEREAFTER

The present world is a testing ground, while the Hereafter is the home of reward. Discovering the present world as an introduction to Paradise makes one deserving of eternal Paradise.

According to the Quran, this world bears a resemblance to Paradise (2:25). Whatever a person will be given in the world of Paradise has its initial and imperfect version granted to them in this world. The only difference is that the present world is temporary and extremely limited, while the world of Paradise is eternal and free from all limitations.

That is why the Quran says that man has been granted everything in this world according to his needs (14:34), whereas in the Paradise of the Hereafter, all things will be granted to man according to his desires. (41:31)

The Hereafter is the home of reward, while the present world is

a testing ground. Due to the exigencies of putting man to the test, the present world is a world of toil and struggle (*Quran*, 90:4) and is, thus, full of problems. In other words, the Paradise of the Hereafter is a flower without thorns, while the Paradise of this world is a flower with thorns. The trial of man in this world is to take the flowers and avoid the thorns. Avoidance of the thorns is the real test in this world.

One who takes the flowers and disregards the thorns has passed the test. He will lead his life in this world with feelings of thanksgiving. This is, in fact, what is desired by the Lord. On the contrary, one who fails to overlook the thorns will always live a life of complaint. He will remain deprived of the worship of thanksgiving in this world and, as a result, will be deprived of entering into Paradise in the Hereafter. According to a verse of the *Quran*, this world is actually an introduction to Paradise:

“He will admit them into the Garden He has already made known to them.” (47:6)

This refers to a person who discovers Paradise at an intellectual level while living in this world of tests. One who has discovered the reality of Paradise will think deeply about Paradise; he will reflect deeply upon the creation plan of God and the Hereafter. Then, he will find the reflection of Paradise in this world itself. He will discover the reality that this world has been created as a precursor to Paradise.

The Paradise of the Hereafter is perfect, while the present world is an imperfect version of Paradise. In the Paradise of the Hereafter, man will find all the resources and means of comfort and luxury in their ideal form. These comforts and luxuries can

be experienced in this world in a less-than-ideal form, with the difference that the Paradise of the Hereafter is eternal, while the present world is only a temporary and partial introduction to Paradise.

Paradise, without doubt, in its full sense, can be known only in the Hereafter. In the present world, man can know Paradise in terms of potential, and in the Hereafter, he will find it in terms of actuality. Discovering the present world as an introduction to Paradise, in fact, makes one deserving of the Paradise of the Hereafter.

PARADISE—AN IDEOLOGY OF LIFE

Man is a Paradise-seeker by nature. Everyone desires to realize the latent Paradise hidden within human nature. To remain tension-free, we must understand that Paradise is achievable only in the next world. The present world serves merely as a preparation for eternal Paradise.

The conviction that Paradise exists is not a simple belief; it is a comprehensive ideology. The belief in Paradise encompasses all aspects of life. The importance of Paradise can be properly understood only when it is linked to the entirety of human existence.

The study of man shows that man is a Paradise-seeking being. Man's nature craves an ideal world where everything meets the highest standards of perfection—another name for this is Paradise. The attainment of this Paradise is a dream shared by every man and woman.

If we examine the present state of humanity, we find that all human beings are exceedingly greedy for material things. Everyone desires as much wealth and power as possible. This is because man seeks to realize the latent Paradise hidden within human nature. However, a permanent obstacle exists: the present world, with its limited resources, is imperfect. The creation of Paradise in such an imperfect world is impossible.

The contradiction between potential and actuality is the root cause of all evils in this world. This contradiction keeps people in a state of mental tension, leading to frustration and, at times, even violent behaviour.

There is only one solution to this problem: to create awareness of the reality that Paradise is achievable only in the next world, never in the present one. The belief in Paradise makes man a realist, and realism is the sole secret to success.

TWO LIFESTYLES

Those who live in a godly way will be lodged in eternal Paradise in the Hereafter. Those who live an ungodly life will be eternally deprived of divine blessings.

There are two ways of leading one's life in this world—one, living with God; the other, living for something other than God. True believers are those who live with God. Those who live for something other than God may be described as worldly people. These two lifestyles were just as prevalent in earlier times as they are today.

Who are the people who live with God? They are those who are serious about life and who, being truth seekers, ultimately discover God. Once they have done so, they must build their lives in accordance with this discovery. Their thinking, speech, behaviour, and dealings with others—all become dyed in God's hue. (*Quran*, 2:138)

A very different kind of life is lived by those who are consumed by their own greatness, who think only about material progress and establish their relationships accordingly. For them, family holds the highest priority, and political matters are the centre of their attention. They regard the interests of their community as supreme. Worldly honour and worldly progress are the be-all and end-all for them. They are happy when they make some worldly progress; conversely, worldly loss makes them sad. Worldly things are the target of their ambitions and desires. All such people are those who live an ungodly life.

In contrast, those who live in a godly way earn God's favour. They will be lodged in eternal Paradise in the Hereafter. Those who live an ungodly life are not God's chosen servants. Such people will be eternally deprived of divine blessings.

THE DARKNESS SHALL END!

Every day, the darkness of night is dispelled by the light of the sun. Likewise, the arrogant and the defiant shall have to bow down, and the Truthful will be rewarded with Paradise in the Hereafter.

In this world created by God, humans appear to be a contradiction. In a world where the sun rises exactly at its appointed time, a person says one thing today and then denies it the next! In a world where water can be squeezed out even from hard, dry stones, people cruelly oppress their fellow beings. In a world where the moon sheds light on all creatures without discrimination, humans behave one way with some and another way with others. In a world whose meaningfulness is expressed in the beauty of a flower, people behave more cruelly than a thorn. In a world where the wind blows all around like a selfless servant, humans live as if their only purpose is to promote their interests. In a world where one tree never troubles another, people never cease to torment each other. One person derives malicious pleasure in seeing another being destroyed.

All these events occur daily in the human world, seemingly without any direct intervention from God. Seen in the universal mirror of His creation, God appears so very beautiful, but in the grief-filled realm of human existence, how different His face seems! Horrific things happen before God, but this does not stir Him. God sees people being slaughtered, but He does not intervene. He witnesses the most barbaric acts committed against the most sensitive beings in the universe, yet this does

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not cause Him anxiety or unease. Why does God see everything but remain silent?

This question has troubled thoughtful people of every age. But it arises only because we fail to consider God's wisdom regarding His creation. In God's plan, this world is a testing ground. However, in our foolishness, we want to see it as a place where rewards and punishments for good and evil actions are immediately dispensed. We desire that what is to happen on the Day of Judgment should occur today before our very eyes.

Every day, the darkness of night is dispelled by the spreading light of the sun. Likewise, the darkness of life will one day end; oppression will cease; the arrogant and the defiant will have to bow down, and those who remain on the path of Truth will be rewarded with Paradise in the Hereafter.

PLACE FOR ACTION, PLACE FOR RESULTS

Those who build a divine personality in this world can be truly successful in the world to come by obtaining a place in Paradise in the period of life after death.

This world is where an individual engages in actions, and the Hereafter is where he will receive the fruits of his actions. A brief portion of a person's life is spent in this world, after which he is taken to the next world, where, according to his actions, he will either gain entry into Paradise or face eternal deprivation.

In this scheme of things, the present world is a place of testing. An examination hall is always meant for tests, not for enjoying

the results. A student who seeks to build an ideal world for himself in the examination hall will fail to do so. Similarly, the person who wishes to create an eternal palace of joy in this world will not achieve his goal—because the present world has not been designed for this purpose.

Wise is the one who understands this distinction and performs righteous actions in this world, hoping for God's blessings in the Hereafter.

In this context, an intelligent person adopts the same approach as a student. When a student sits in an examination hall, he focuses all his attention on answering his test paper correctly. He does not attempt to build the palace of his dreams there.

Man's relation to this world and the Hereafter should be governed by an understanding of God's creation plan. According to this plan, man must spend a brief life before death preparing for the Hereafter in order to secure a world of eternal joy in the life after death. The one who discovers God and builds a divine personality while living in this world of tests will find himself in eternal Paradise. However, when a heedless person enters the next world, he will realize that his negligence cannot be rectified. He will face eternal deprivation, as he will not be given a chance to return to the present world and live again.

This world is a training ground where people develop a divine personality to obtain a place in Paradise in the life after death. A heavenly personality is free of all kinds of negative feelings. A heavenly personality trains himself in such a way that his heart is entirely free of things like hatred and revenge. He controls his anger and does not react negatively. He returns love for hatred. He conducts himself well with others without any

expectations. He lives among people as if they were his sisters and brothers. He remains patient instead of complaining. He fulfils his obligations and asks for his rights only from God. These are the noble qualities that will make one deserving of entry into Paradise.

FLOWERS AND THORNS

The mind of a person who builds a positive character will become a treasury of positivity. Such a positive personality will find a place in the eternal world after death in Paradise, where they will forever lead a life of comfort and joy.

Man is an eternal being. However, his life is divided into two phases: the period before death (generally a maximum of 100 years) and the period after death (which is eternal). The first phase is spent in this world, and the second phase is spent in the Hereafter.

Today's world—the present world—is like a thick jungle. Here, there are flowers, but along with them, there are also thorns. In the world of tomorrow—that is, the Hereafter—the 'flowers' and the 'thorns' will be separated. After this, an eternal world will emerge, one part of which will contain only 'thorns' (Hell), and the other part will contain only 'flowers' (Paradise). In today's world, everyone has the opportunity to shape their eternal fortune. The record of their life in this world will determine whether they will be placed in a world full of thorns or the eternal garden of flowers.

This division of people into two groups is a continuous process in this world. Through the record of their life (or, in other words, based on the character they are building in this world), each person is declaring, as it were, which of the two groups they are eligible to join after death—the group destined for the thorns or the group destined for the flowers. The conditions of this present world serve as the means for this personality development. Every person is undergoing this process. Some cultivate a thorny personality, while others develop a flower-like character. These two groups of people may not appear distinct in today's world, but in the world of tomorrow, they will be separated. One group will be admitted into eternal Paradise, and the other will be consigned to eternal Hell.

In the present world, every person faces negative experiences. If someone habitually interprets an unpleasant experience as something negative, they will develop a negative personality. In contrast, if someone can transform a negative experience into a positive one, it is the best way to create a positive character.

For example, someone is rude to you, oppresses you, gets angry with you, or causes you harm. Now, you have two options to respond to this. First, you can choose to react in the same way. If he abuses you, you can abuse him back. If he troubles you, you can trouble him in return. If he harms you, you can choose to hurt him. If he shouts at you, you can shout back.

A person who reacts in this way will develop a negative personality. He has sown the seeds of thorns in his heart, so his personality will become thorny. After death, in the next world, he will be resurrected with this thorny personality and placed

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in the jungle full of thorns—Hell—where he will remain for all eternity in a state of regret and sorrow.

In contrast, a person who responds positively to others' negative behaviour will develop a flower-like character. If someone abuses him, he does not retaliate but forgives. If someone oppresses him, he refuses to behave in the same way. This person has lived like a flower among thorns. He has developed a flower-like character in this world. In the next world, in the life after death, he will be allowed to live in a garden of flowers—Paradise.

QUALIFICATION FOR PARADISE

To be eligible for Paradise in the Hereafter, one must possess two essential qualifications: acknowledging the truth of the one God and leading a principled life.

The present, temporary world serves as a training ground for realized souls. Every person born into this world inevitably undergoes this training. Those who do not succeed in this training will be rejected in the next eternal phase of life, while those who do succeed will be selected to form the realized community, who will enter and enjoy the perfect Paradise in the life to come after death.

In this world of trials, to be eligible for Paradise, every man or woman must possess two qualifications: the acknowledgement of the truth of the one God and the commitment to leading a principled life. Those who pass this test will be granted a place in Paradise, where all their desires will be fulfilled. Those who fail will endure eternal deprivation.

In this world, man finds himself free. However, this freedom is not his by right; it is a test. Man must acknowledge the truth of the One God and surrender to Him—not by compulsion, but by his own choice. This voluntary surrender to the One God is, without doubt, the greatest sacrifice a person can make. Acknowledging the truth of the One God is an act of humility, not only before God but before others as well. Yet, it is this very virtue that will elevate man to the highest position and lead him to the very gates of Paradise.

The second critical requirement is to lead a principled life. Generally, a person's character is shaped by emotions such as anger, revenge, jealousy, hatred, and rivalry. These negative feelings often dominate one's personality. However, a person must become disciplined in these matters. He should not shape his character based on external influences but rather by his own decisions rooted in higher principles. This is what is known as a divine character.

THE BUILDING OF A PARADISIACAL PERSONALITY

Man is born with great potential. He must turn this potential into actuality on his own. By facing life's difficult situations as challenges, man reaches high levels of progress and develops a purified personality. This process makes him deserving of Paradise.

The Quran states, "We have created man into a life of toil and trial." (90:4) The word 'toil' here is used in a positive rather than

a negative sense. When we view it from this perspective, we find that it means 'struggle.'

In other words, the condition of man's stay in the present world is such that he must lead a life of struggle. He must navigate a challenging course in life, which is essential for building a positive human personality. This fact is reflected in the words of Samuel Smiles: "It is not ease but effort, not facility but difficulty that makes the man."

Man is potentially like an ore. Machines are made from steel, but producing steel requires a lengthy industrial process. Iron ore must first undergo a long process of being heated in a blast furnace, and only then can steel be produced. Even then, the metal must go through various stages before it can take the form of machines.

The same is true of human beings. Man is born with great potential. However, to turn this potential into actuality, he must undergo various difficult stages in life. It is by going through these stages that man develops intellectually and becomes a mature person. Without experiencing the processes of hard struggle, no one can become a man of high calibre, which makes him deserving of Paradise.

Every difficult situation in this world serves as a challenge. By facing these challenges, man reaches high levels of progress and development, making him deserving of Paradise.

THE HEAVENLY PERSONALITY

A heavenly personality is cultivated in someone free from all kinds of negative feelings. Such a person remains patient and refrains from complaining. He fulfils his obligations and seeks his rights only from God. These noble qualities make a person worthy of entry into Paradise.

According to a tradition of Prophet Muhammad, “Such people will gain entry into Paradise whose hearts are like the hearts of birds.” (*Sahih Muslim*, Hadith No. 4840) A bird possesses an exceptional quality not found in any other animal: it is free from any feelings of hatred or revenge. While other animals tend to attack in self-defence, the bird is completely free from this instinct. Consider the bird; it appears as an emblem of innocence, which is why the pigeon is regarded as a symbol of peace.

According to the above tradition, it is this paradisiacal quality that is desirable for one who seeks Paradise. A heavenly personality is free from all kinds of negative feelings. The key difference is that while a bird possesses this positive quality by instinct, a heavenly person develops it through conscious choice.

A heavenly person trains himself so that his heart is completely free from hatred and revenge. He controls his anger and does not react negatively. He returns love for hatred and treats others well without any expectations. He lives among people as if they were his sisters and brothers, seeking the company of angels. He remains patient and refrains from complaining. He fulfils his

obligations and seeks his rights only from God. These are the noble qualities that make a person worthy of entry into Paradise.

TWO TYPES OF SOULS

In the present world, man is free to choose between two paths: he can accept God's greatness and surrender to Him, or he can live in the pursuit of his glory. The former will find entry into eternal Paradise, while the latter will face eternal deprivation.

The Quran says: "He who purifies it will indeed be successful, and he who corrupts it is sure to fail." (91:9-10)

This world is a testing ground for us before the life of the Hereafter begins. It is an opportunity for us to prepare for the Hereafter. If you leave this world with a noble and pure soul, you will be welcomed into the delightful environs of Heaven. However, if you depart with a soul laden with evil, you will be cast into the eternal dustbin of the universe.

This world is, in a sense, God's nursery. Different types of plants are grown in a nursery. The gardener inspects all of them. Those plants the gardener finds undesirable, he plucks out and discards. While the ones he finds desirable, he carefully lifts from their beds so they can grow and flourish in a garden.

In this world, you are free to choose between two paths. You can choose to purify your soul or to pollute it. You can accept God's greatness and surrender to Him, or you can live in the pursuit of your glory. When faced with the truth, you can choose to acknowledge it without hesitation. You can be concerned about

the welfare of others and be just in your dealings. Whether in friendship or enmity, you can willingly choose to obey God's will instead of your whims or the prodding of your ego. If this is how you choose to live, you have cleansed your soul. And you will then be settled in the beautiful world of God's Heaven.

On the other hand, you can choose to be immersed in self-perceived greatness. When confronted with the truth, you can choose not to accept it. In your dealings, you can choose to be unjust and cruel. You can choose to follow your own will, not God's will. If this is your choice, you have polluted your soul, and the Lord of this universe will not accept you into His neighbourhood.

GOOD PEOPLE WILL INHERIT PARADISE BY THE MERCY OF GOD

In the present world, good and evil people exist side by side. In the world Hereafter, the angels will separate the evil from the righteous, and only the good will enter the eternal world of Paradise.

Paradise is man's natural habitat, just as water is the habitat of a fish. The fish, while being a living creature with a complete existence, requires a specific environment to survive. If the fish is taken out of the water and placed in a desert, it will remain the same fish, but it will only wriggle for a short time. In the desert environment, unable to find the sustenance needed for life, it will soon perish. This analogy applies to human beings as well. Man possesses life in the fullest sense but requires an appropriate habitat in which to thrive. The present world

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provides such a habitat, allowing man to survive and develop on Earth. If he were taken off the planet and placed on another celestial body, such as the moon, he would be like a fish out of water. He might struggle, making desperate movements with his arms and legs, but without the right environment, he would soon breathe his last.

The features of the present world are well known to man, and, in light of this knowledge, he can fully comprehend what heaven and Hell might be like. If we study the matter, we find that Earth contains elements that reflect what man will experience in Paradise. For instance, the natural beauty we witness here provides a glimpse of Paradise from a distance. However, in the present world, good and evil coexist. Evil people fill the world with corruption. If it were possible to expel all evil from the earth, leaving only the good, the earth would become a model of Paradise. A Hebrew prophet expressed this concept as follows: “So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 13:49-50). This is similarly expressed in the Psalms of David: “The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein forever” (Psalms 37:29).

It is important to remember that no human action alone is the key to Paradise. Human actions are meant only to attract the mercy of God. This is why the greatest of human actions is the realization of God. One who fulfils the criterion of realizing God will find that God turns to him and, by His special grace, decides on his entry into Paradise. Entry into Paradise is only by the grace of God. Paradise is not a reward for one's actions alone.

The truth is that human deeds performed over a few years can never equate to what is required for entry into Paradise. Anyone who believes that their actions alone will gain them entry into Paradise will find in the Hereafter that they are like someone who has just one rupee and wants to buy an aeroplane.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARADISE

Paradise is for one who attains the realization of their Creator at the level of *maarifah* while God is unseen and who bows down before God while possessing the freedom to disobey Him.

Paradise is a blessing without limits, attainable only by paying a high price. Only a few fortunate souls will be declared eligible to reside in the world of Paradise.

The first test for admission into Paradise is that one must realize their Creator. They should discover the Truth amidst a jungle of thoughts, views, beliefs, and ideologies. They should develop the insight to perceive what is not visible to the physical eye and feel what cannot be comprehended at the physical level. Passing by the tumult of the external world, they should become a traveller of the inner world.

Another condition for admission to Paradise is that one must bow down before God while retaining the freedom to disobey. Ignoring all temptations to become self-centred, they must become completely God-centered, genuinely devoted to God and God alone. Turning away from innumerable sources of glitter and attraction, they must devote their full attention to God.

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Admission to Paradise will only be possible for the person who, amid adverse conditions, always remains rooted in positive thinking. This person overcomes jealousy, pride, revenge, and other negative emotions. Unilaterally, they become the epitome of compassion, seeking the well-being of others. Even though they might have the power to oppress or commit injustice, they never do so. In every condition and circumstance, they bind themselves to justice.

Paradise is a beautiful divine colony, and only those souls who have subjected themselves to the process of purification in this world will be admitted.

The present world is a place of tests, where every person becomes polluted in some way or another. Therefore, everyone should engage in a continuous process of self-purification until their polluted personality is transformed into a purified one.

A person of Paradise lives like a flower amidst thorns, becoming a tower of light amidst darkness, discovering the secret of peace amidst earthquakes and storms, offering love amidst hatred, unilaterally forgiving others despite oppression, and finding gain even in loss.

A person of Paradise is one who has drawn close to God, who sees the light of God in the rays of the sun, experiences the divine touch in the gushing wind, gains an understanding of God's greatness in the heights of the mountains, witnesses God's mercy in the flow of rivers, and sees the glowing radiance of the Creator in the mirror of creation.

God, through His prophets, has explained the attributes of a person fit for Paradise. Therefore, while living in this world,

one who cultivates paradisiacal attributes will, after death, be declared eligible for entry into Paradise.

Entry into Paradise will not occur through any recommendation, connection to a revered personality, or through mysterious spiritual solutions. Instead, admission into Paradise is entirely based on a known reality—that the person who, in the present world, becomes and lives like a paradisiacal person will be granted admission into Paradise in the Hereafter.

Paradise is for those who have purified themselves. Purification means abandoning a life of heedlessness and adopting a life of awareness. One must be strong enough to overcome desires that hinder the achievement of this goal. They must save themselves from anything that can deviate them from the Truth. If faced with a matter of expediency, they should ignore it. If pride or resentment arises, they should bury it within themselves.

Who Are the People of Paradise?

The people of Paradise are those who discover the Higher Being, that is, God, and who are able to turn their natural potential to good account. They awaken their spirituality to such a high degree that they can experience the realization of the Hereafter in the present world itself. While living in this world, they become inhabitants of the world of Paradise on the conscious plane. Physically, they are in this world, but psychologically, they are in the Hereafter.

When this paradisiacal personality develops in human beings, the present world becomes meaningless in their eyes. Their intellectual plane reaches such heights that material things lose all significance. They find no fulfilment in the material

aspects of the world. The world of Paradise is so perfect that the riches of this world pale in comparison. With their heightened consciousness, they realize that the present world is not the place they were created for. Their hearts cry out to God: “O God! Bestow upon us the Paradise of the Hereafter. Give us a place in the world of Your neighbourhood.”

The present world is just an introduction to Paradise. It is not Paradise itself. The present world is a passageway, not the destination. It is a place for preparation, not for reaping the harvest. The present world is full of limitations. It does not have the means to fulfil the unlimited desires of man. It provides for subsistence at the animal level but lacks the spiritual requirements for the higher level of man.

In the world of the Hereafter, all evil people will be separated from the good. Only the good will be given a place in the dwellings of Paradise. Furthermore, all worldly afflictions such as death, disease, accidents, and mental states like tension and boredom will be eradicated forever.

In that world, all the sources of comfort and pleasure will be gathered in their ultimate form. How thrilling it will be to live in that world! Therefore, every man and woman must strive to make Paradise their destination. They should devote themselves to preparing for this world of tomorrow.

WHO WILL INHERIT PARADISE?

A Paradisiacal person is such an ardent seeker of Paradise that he begins to feel as if he is already living in Paradise, even while physically in this world. If they have found Paradise in this sense in this world, they will physically become residents of Paradise in the next world of the Hereafter.

Who are the people who will inherit Paradise? They are the souls who have discovered God and whose greatest concern is the Almighty. They worship only the one God and devote their lives to improving their intellectual and spiritual abilities to the highest degree. They have shunned the life of falsehood and adhered steadfastly to the way of truth, avoiding hypocrisy and remaining resolutely on the path of sincerity. They have embraced honesty throughout their lives and have voluntarily imposed divine discipline upon their words and deeds. They reserve their feelings of love and fear exclusively for God. Their life and death are for the sake of truth. They do not live their lives for anything less than the highest cause. Their activities are focused on the Hereafter rather than on this world. They succeed in steering clear of all negative feelings such as hatred, jealousy, prejudice, selfishness, and other shallow thoughts, and they elevate themselves to the highest moral level. They associate with people for the sake of truth and distance themselves for the same reason. They give and take for God alone. Their lips open only for the truth. They follow the path of forgiveness, not revenge, and do not become entangled in the attractions of this world but keep their gaze fixed on the Hereafter in all situations.

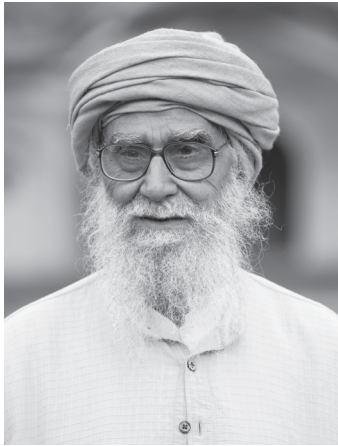
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God's angels will welcome those men and women who reach the Hereafter with all the qualities described above. The angels will come forward and say: "Congratulations, O Blessed Souls! Enter God's heaven by divine decree. Here, there is no death and no parting from this joyous world. Eternal life has been granted to you for all eternity." The Quran says:

"O soul at peace, return to your Lord, well-pleased, well-pleasing. Join My servants. Enter My Paradise." (89:27-30)

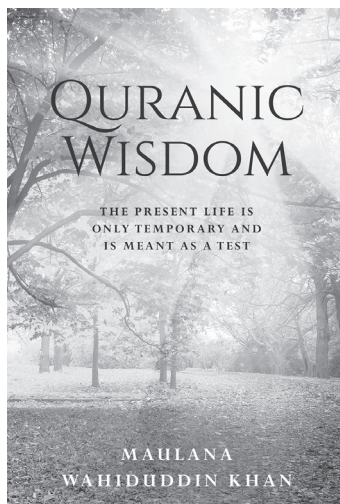
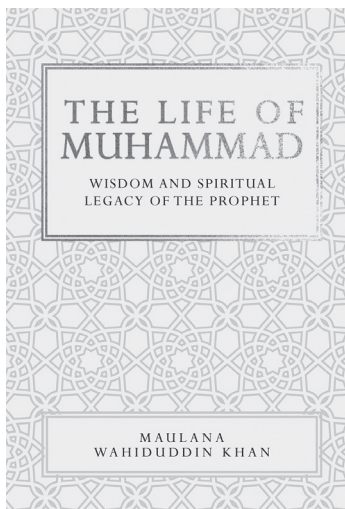
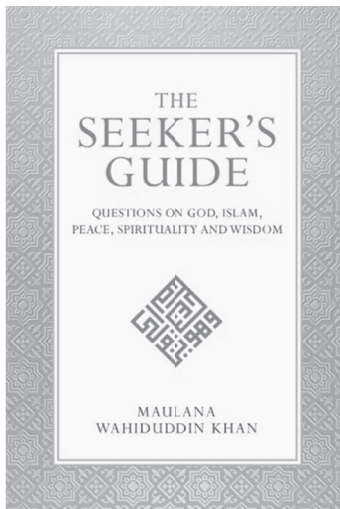
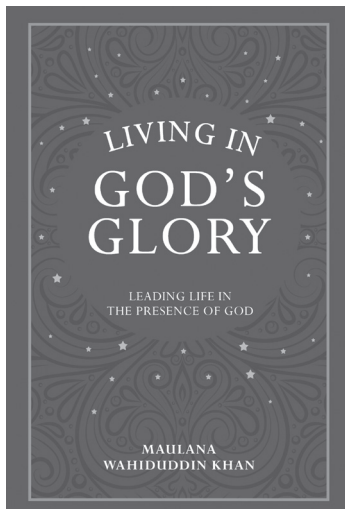


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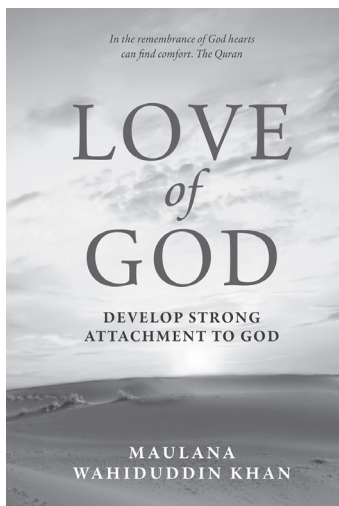
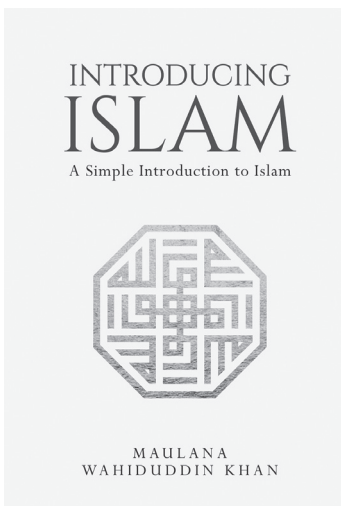
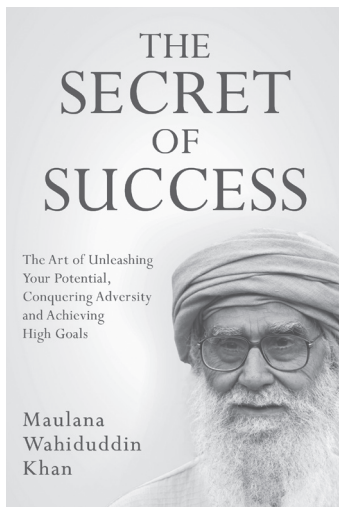
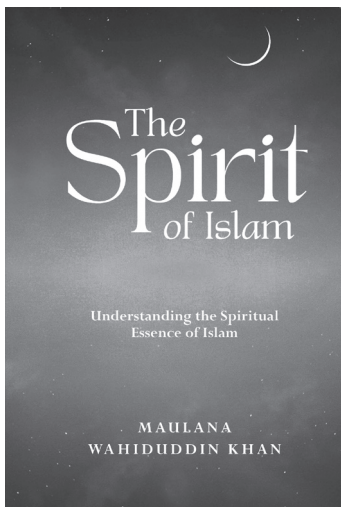
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