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We will deal with the dividers [15:90]

[Quran 7:52] We have given them a scripture that is fully detailed, with knowledge, guidance, and mercy for the people who believe.

[Quran 29:43] We cite these examples for the people, and none appreciate them except the knowledgeable.

Knowledge of Quran is one of the guards God gave us against Satan. When we're well-educated and truly knowledgeable of God's detailed teachings and commands in Quran, we're less likely to fall into Satan's traps. Ignorance, on the other hand, is the real disability of the strayers. It renders them as easy targets for Satan. Ignorance is a common trait among Satan's followers.

[Quran 29:49] In fact, these revelations are clear in the chests of those who possess knowledge. Only the wicked will disregard our revelations.

[Quran 35:28] Also, the people, the animals, and the livestock come in various colors. This is why the people who truly reverence God are those who are knowledgeable. God is Almighty, Forgiving.

Among the characteristics of Quran is that sometimes the details regarding specific matters are listed in different verses of different chapters. It's our duty when we study or deal with these matters to exam-

ine them in the light of the WHOLE context of Quran. This would be the appropriate approach to conclude the right teachings and grasp the correct understandings. Neglecting any related verses result in gathering insufficient facts about such issues which will lead to reaching wrong and even contradictory conclusions. We should always remember that there are no contradictions in the words of God and that all of God's systems are unchangeable and are divinely designed and set in a perfect harmony with each other.

God has specifically invited us to practice caution when we study Quran and has assured us that all the details are contained in it. We only have to do our homework and examine His words carefully and entirely:

[Quran 4:82] Why do they not study the Quran carefully? If it were from other than God, they would have found in it numerous contradictions.

[Quran 5:101] O you who believe, do not ask about matters which, if revealed to you prematurely, would hurt you. If you ask about them in light of the Quran, they will become obvious to you. God has deliberately overlooked them. God is Forgiver, Clement.

[Quran 73:4] ... read the Quran from cover to cover.

Some people intentionally seek divisions, confusion and contradictory stands through

this Satanic game: the partial obedience to God and selective application of Quran. God has sufficiently warned us against this practice and against these hypocrites:

[Quran 15:90-3] We will deal with the dividers. They accept the Quran only partially. By your Lord, we will question them all, about everything they have done.

[Quran 3:23] Have you noted those who were given part of the scripture, and how they are invited to uphold this scripture of God, and apply it to their own lives, then some of them turn away in aversion?

[Quran 13:36] Those who received the scripture rejoice in what was revealed to you; some others may reject parts of it. Say, "I am simply enjoined to worship God, and never associate any idols with Him. I invite to Him, and to Him is my ultimate destiny."

[Quran 42:10] If you dispute any part of this message, the judgment for doing this rests with God. Such is God my Lord. In Him I trust, and to Him I submit.

Believers in God alone and followers of Quran alone are expected to be united, speaking one language—the language of guidance—and acting according to the Quran. We cannot make Quran-based decisions if we are not fully knowledgeable of all

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the divine details mentioned throughout the 114 chapters of this infallible, fully detailed, Quran. We cannot have one voice, one choice and one action if we fail to encompass the entire context of Quran and fail to grasp all the details of every matter of wisdom in this amazing book. Selectivity and partial obedience means nothing and leads to confusion, divisions and weakness. Ultimately, our voice of the truth would fade out—we become unworthy of it. In this case, Satan is a winner over us.

[Quran 3:103] You shall hold fast to the rope of God, all of you, and do not be divided. Recall God's blessings upon you—you used to be enemies and He reconciled your hearts. By His grace, you became brethren. You were at the brink of a pit of fire, and He saved you therefrom. God thus explains His revelations for you, that you may be guided.

[Quran 61:4] God loves those who fight in His cause united in one column, like the bricks in one wall.

[Quran 30:32] (Do not fall in idol worship,) like those who divide their religion into sects; each party rejoicing with what they have.

[Quran 2:256] There shall be no compulsion in religion: the right way is now distinct from the wrong way. Anyone who denounces the devil and believes in God has grasped the strongest bond; one that never breaks. God is Hearer, Omniscient.

Quran is the foundation for unity in the sight of God. As a community, being able to correctly reach the right conclusions to implement Quran allows us to hold fast to the rope of God and grasp the strongest bond. Satan's call for unity is a call for division in disguise. It's based on illusion. He jumps in only to blind us so we ignore many other related verses. Satan also picks and chooses for us other verses, taken out of context, to add false legitimacy to wrong choices and enforce our deviation. He sugar-coats all of his lowly approaches. Only those knowledgeable of the WHOLE Quran could understand these kinds of schemes and defeat Satan with the solid facts, with the Truth.

[Quran 20:114] Most Exalted is God, the only true King. Do not rush into uttering the Quran before it is revealed to you, and say, "My Lord, increase my knowledge."

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HOW TO BE CLOSE TO GOD

It is very important that we remind ourselves that we (the real person, the soul) are not of this earthly world. We came from a place in the high heavens. We were not appreciative of our Lord, and leaned towards Satan's point of view.

Since our souls are not of earthly materials, our salvation cannot possibly come from earthly materials such as: money, wealth, health, children, positions, knowledge, power, etc. ...

[6:32] The life of this world is no more than illusion and vanity, while the abode of the Hereafter is far better for the righteous.

Whatever exists in this world is an illusion, so does it make sense to seek help from illusions?

Our only salvation is God. By His grace He has sent down to us a road map, a heavenly scripture, which provides the details of everything. So if we want to distance ourselves from the worldly materials and move closer to the Divine, let's follow the road map.

[6:114] Shall I seek other than GOD as a source of law, when He has revealed to you this book fully detailed? ...

1. God is Omnipresent.

[7:205] You shall remember your Lord within yourself, publicly, privately, and quietly, day and night; do not be unaware.

Why does God wants us to meditate on Him, glorify Him and commemorate Him day and night? The reason is that God wants to draw us near to Him and away from the illusions of this world, not thinking about the past or worrying about the future, but to submit wholly to Him alone. He wants us to be present with Him most of the time, as He is present with us always.

2. God is Omniscient, Knower.

He knows everything, His knowledge is infinite and complete and He never deviates from the truth, while Satan, upon receiving knowledge, is sure to cause division and disputes. Arguments and disputes always start when

we insist on our understanding, and force others against God's commands.

[2:256] There shall be no compulsion in religion: the right way is now distinct from the wrong way. Anyone who denounces the devil and believes in GOD has grasped the strongest bond; one that never breaks. GOD is Hearer, Omniscient.

We learn from the following verse that God wants us to avoid arguments and disputes. This verse also teaches us to focus on important things and to not argue and cause division.

[18:22] Some would say, "They were three; their dog being the fourth," while others would say, "Five; the sixth being their dog," as they guessed. Others said, "Seven," and the eighth was their dog. Say, "My Lord is the best knower of their number." Only a few knew the correct number. Therefore, do not argue with them; just go along with them. You need not consult anyone about this.

3. God guides (3:8, 4:26, 28:56), while Satan misleads (22:3-4, 4:119).

4. God is Appreciative (4:147, 64:17), while Satan is unappreciative of his Lord (7:17, 17:27, 38:74).

Appreciation and Submission go hand in hand and both are impossible without complete trust in God.

5. God's promise is the truth (10:55, 31:33, 40:77), while Satan's promise is mere illusion (14:22).

6. God is Bounteous (2:261, 5:54), while Satan is stingy (2:268).

7. God assures our hearts (2:112), while Satan instills fear in his subjects (3:175).

8. God invites to God's Masjid (3:104, 7:193, 7:198, 10:25, 28:87), while Satan boycotts God's masjid and invites to hell (2:114, 8:34, 14:22, 35:6).

9. God is the Provider (5:114, 22:58, 51:58), while Satan brings misery and poverty (2:268, 47:8).

10. God is Faithful (59:23, 3:9, 30:6), while Satan is disloyal and breaks his promises (14:22).

11. God is sacred (62:1, 59:23), while Satan is polluted (24:21).

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God wants to purify us to help us to be able to return to Him. Since He is Sacred, without purifying ourselves, it is impossible to return to him.

[3:164] *GOD has blessed the believers by raising in their midst a messenger from among them, to recite for them His revelations, and to purify them, and to teach them the scripture and wisdom. Before this, they had gone totally astray.*

12. God is Seer/Hearer (2:110, 4:58, 22:61), while Satan is blind and deaf (11:24, 17:72, 27:81).

[7:201] *Those who are righteous, whenever the devil approaches them with an idea, they remember, whereupon they become seers.*

13. God is Peace (14:23, 10:10, 24:55), while Satan brings chaos, anxiety and worry (3:175).

14. God is Responsive, while Satan turns his back on his followers and cannot support them.

[2:186] *When My servants ask you about Me, I am always near. I answer their prayers when they pray to Me. The people shall respond to Me and believe in Me, in order to be guided.*

15. God's invitation is based on clear proofs, while Satan's claims are based on hearsay.

[12:108] *Say, "This is my path: I invite to GOD, on the basis of a clear proof, and so do those who follow me. GOD be glorified. I am not an idol worshiper."*

[42:35] *Those who argue against our proofs will find out that they have no basis.*

16. God is the source of righteousness and forgiveness, while Satan is the source of evil.

God teaches us and invites us to lead a righteous life.

17. God is full of forgiveness. Even for those among the disbelievers.

[3:127-8] *He thus annihilates some disbelievers, or neutralizes them; they always end up the losers. It is not up to you; He may redeem them, or He may punish them for their transgressions.*

[33:24] *GOD will surely recompense the*

truthful for their truthfulness, and will punish the hypocrites, if He so wills, or redeem them. GOD is Forgiver, Most Merciful.

[45:14] *Tell those who believed to forgive those who do not expect the days of GOD. He will fully pay everyone for whatever they have earned.*

18. God invites us to be moderate, while Satan is extravagant.

[17:27] *The extravagant are brethren of the devils, and the devil is unappreciative of his Lord.*

Moderation is so important in Quran. These are some ways that God want us to be moderate:

- In religion:

[5:77] *Say, "O people of the scripture, do not transgress the limits of your religion beyond the truth, and do not follow the opinions of people who have gone astray, and have misled multitudes of people; they are far astray from the right path."*

- In eating:

[7:31] *O children of Adam, you shall be clean and dress nicely when you go to the masjid. And eat and drink moderately. Surely, He does not love the gluttons.*

- In charity:

[25:67] *When they give, they are neither extravagant, nor stingy; they give in moderation.*

[17:26] *You shall give the due alms to the relatives, the needy, the poor, and the traveling alien, but do not be excessive, extravagant.*

[17:29] *You shall not keep your hand stingily tied to your neck, nor shall you foolishly open it up, lest you end up blamed and sorry.*

- In Salat:

[17:110] *Say, "Call Him GOD, or call Him Most Gracious; whichever name you use, to Him belongs the best names." You shall not utter your Contact Prayers (Salat) too loudly, nor secretly; use a moderate tone.*

- In forgiveness:

[42:39] *When gross injustice befalls them, they stand up for their rights.*

[42:40] *Although the just requital for*

an injustice is an equivalent retribution, those who pardon and maintain righteousness are rewarded by GOD. He does not love the unjust.

- In socializing:

[33:33] *You shall settle down in your homes, and do not mingle with the people excessively, like you used to do in the old days of ignorance.*

- In friendship:

[60:8-9] *GOD does not enjoin you from befriending those who do not fight you because of religion, and do not evict you from your homes. You may befriend them and be equitable towards them. GOD loves the equitable. GOD enjoins you only from befriending those who fight you because of religion ...*

- In judgment:

[38:26] *O David, we have made you a ruler on earth. Therefore, you shall judge among the people equitably, and do not follow your personal opinion, lest it diverts you from the way of GOD.*

[26:182] *"You shall weigh with an equitable scale.*

Equitable means fair and impartial, not being extreme. In other words, being moderate. If we visualize the scale of justice, it is a balanced scale, symbolizing equitable judgments. If one side is heavier than the other, the balance is gone.

19. God is on the right path.

The right path is not crooked; it is a straight path. God's religion is all about the right path.

The right path is clear; it is not confusing or ambiguous. God's path is peace and security, not war and dispute. God's path is forgiveness and pardon, not revenge and retaliation. God's path is self-reflection, not magnifying the faults of others. God's path is love, not hate. God's path is freedom of choice, not compulsion and force.

We pray to God to teach us how to be moderate and righteous and appreciative of His mercy, that we may come ever closer and closer to Him.

[39:53] *Proclaim, O My servants who exceeded the limits, never despair of God's mercy. For God forgives all sins. He is the Forgiver, Most Merciful.*

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An experience reminiscent of Paradise and the illusion of this life

It is a powerful and heartwarming experience when we see God's signs and experience the truth in our lives. In this article, I would like to share one of these experiences. In this past year, I was attending a work-related conference and the experience reminded me of the descriptions of Paradise in the Quran. The venue was beautiful (a spa and resort location) with waterways, pools and an open, airy architectural design with a lot of light. There was a great variety and abundance of delicious food including salmon, steak, shrimp cocktails (without alcohol), chicken, fruits and vegetables. The service was great as well. The hotel personnel would say their name followed by "at your service" when they answered the phone. They were very helpful and responsive, mashaAllah.

[9:72] **GOD** promises the believing men and the believing women gardens with flowing streams, wherein they abide forever, and magnificent mansions in the gardens of Eden. And **GOD's** blessings and approval are even greater. This is the greatest triumph.

[52:19] Eat and drink happily, in return for your works.

[52:22] We will supply them with fruits

and meats that they love.

[56:17] *Serving them will be immortal servants.*

[40:40] *Whoever commits a sin is requited for just that, and whoever works righteousness—male or female—while believing, these will enter Paradise wherein they receive provisions without any limits.*

During this trip, there was also a reminder about the illusion of this life and God's judgment. Initially the weather was sunny with blue skies and white clouds. Then it became overcast with dark clouds and then the storm hit. It started pouring. I looked outside from my hotel window on the 4th floor across a soaked balcony. The palm trees were swaying in the wind! In a matter of hours we went from calm, sunny weather to a storm. By God's grace I was already inside the hotel when the storm started. This event reminded me of the following verses:

[54:18] *'Ād disbelieved. Consequently, how terrible was My retribution after the warnings.*

[54:19] *We sent upon them violent winds, on a day of continuous misery.*

[54:20] *It tossed the people around as if they were decayed palm tree trunks.*

[69:6] *As for 'Ād, they were annihilated by a persistent, violent storm.*

By God's grace, this storm was short-lived. I was grateful not to be caught

in it or affected by it. This experience was also a reminder that although God can adorn the earth perfectly for us, this can change in the blink of an eye.

[10:24] *The analogy of this worldly life is like this: we send down water from the sky to produce with it all kinds of plants from the earth, and to provide food for the people and the animals. Then, just as the earth is perfectly adorned, and its people think that they are in control thereof, our judgment comes by night or by day, leaving it completely barren, as if nothing existed the previous day. We thus explain the revelations for people who reflect.*

May God help us live wisely so that we can reap the rewards in this life and the eternal Hereafter. As Abraham prayed, may God help us be among the inheritors of the blissful Paradise.

[26:83] *"My Lord, grant me wisdom, and include me with the righteous.*

[26:84] *"Let the example I set for the future generations be a good one.*

[26:85] *"Make me one of the inheritors of the blissful Paradise.*

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