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Happiness is Submission to God Alone

Happiness is Submission to God Alone is a phrase printed on all of the **Submitters Perspectives**. It's been there for so long now, we hardly notice it. We've gotten used to it. But it is a statement that doesn't get old or outdated because it is God's promise and it's true for all ages and for all generations.

Absolutely, God's allies have nothing to fear, nor will they grieve. They are those who believe and lead a righteous life. For them, joy and happiness in this world, as well as in the Hereafter. This is God's unchangeable law. Such is the greatest triumph. — 10:62-64

As for those who discard the worship of all idols, and devote themselves totally to God alone, they have deserved happiness. Give good news to My servants. — 39:17

How can we achieve happiness through submission to God? Our priority in this life should be to fulfill God's expectations of us. In order to know what God expects of us, we have to know our purpose here in this world.

I did not create the jinns and the humans except to worship Me alone. — 51:56

Knowing that God made us to worship Him alone, we have to live a life that will please God. What pleases Him more than what we say, is our actual intentions and actions to carry out His commandments. The idea that keeping God's laws is the source of happiness is not new. We can see this idea in the Bible, book of Proverbs:

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law. — Proverbs 29:18

When pleasing God by keeping His commandments becomes the most important aspect of our life, then God will make everything good for us. This is a promise from God.

God promises those among you who believe and lead a righteous life, that He will make them sovereigns on earth, as He did for those before them, and will establish for them the religion He has chosen for them, and will substitute peace and security for them in place of fear. All this because

they worship Me alone; they never set up any idols beside Me. Those who disbelieve after this are the truly wicked. — 24:55

This is God's promise—sovereigns on earth—all because we worship God alone without setting up any idols besides Him. If we want to become kings and queens on earth, then we have to evaluate our actions and intentions very carefully at every opportunity.

No matter what problem we are having, we must seek to understand the lesson from it. If we are sincere, God will protect our relationship with Him by putting us through different tests. Job, one who was greatly tested according to the Quran, has an attitude we should adopt that is stated in the Book of Job, from the Bible.

Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. — Job 5:17

The verses go on to explain that we might be hurt, but God's hands give healing and that He is the one that can deliver us from any of our troubles.

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This type of mind-set would help us learn from the tests that God sends our way in order to maintain a good relationship with God.

We can be tested with the material things of this world. It's very natural that we are attracted to the material things of this world, but we know they are just the blessings that God gives us in this life. If we keep this in proper perspective, we will improve our relationship with God. Even Solomon with all his wealth was put to the test by God through his horses (38:31-34). He realized they distracted him from his worship of God. He submitted to God's will and was blessed with even more material wealth.

You should know that your money and your children are a test, and that God possesses a great recompense. — 8:28

Chasing after material things or "keeping up with the Joneses" is one of the easiest ways to stay miserable. The constant comparison and determination to have better things than others keeps our focus on exactly that—others—not God. Just think, if this was the true measure of happiness, then, when a disaster strikes out the possessions of someone with more or better things than we have, it would increase our happiness. What a terrible thought, but the Quran indicates there are people like this.

When anything good comes your way they hurt, and when something bad happens to you they rejoice. If you steadfastly persevere, and maintain righteousness, their schemes will never hurt you. God is fully aware of everything they do. — 3:120

Happiness does not equal success in this life either, and we may be tested with it also. If our status in life were the measure of happiness, then only the richest, most famous or strongest people among us would be happy. But we know that isn't true. In the story of the

two men with gardens, given in the Quran (18:32-44), one man clearly says that he is more prosperous than the other. But he didn't factor God into his success. He ended up sorrowful and lamenting all that he had done in vain. While the other man realized that God was the true source of success, even though he had less to start with.

Adorned for the people are the worldly pleasures, such as the women, having children, piles upon piles of gold and silver, trained horses, livestock, and crops. These are the materials of this world. A far better abode is reserved at God. — 3:14

What is our goal in this life? Is it to get an education, then a job, then a big house, get married, have children, put money in the bank, find a nice retirement place and await our death? Are these our goals?

God wants us to perfect our relationship with Him. He will surely test us through our weak points and try to show us what our defects are so that we can learn from them. God says in the Quran that if we are looking for these types of things, God will give them to us in this world. But if we look for success in the Hereafter, God will provide for us both in this life and in the Hereafter.

Whoever seeks the rewards of the Hereafter, we multiply the rewards for him. And whoever seeks the materials of this world, we give him therefrom, then he receives no share in the Hereafter. — 42:20

In order to check if we are trying to please God alone, we need to examine what we strive to do and the motives behind the striving. Is God the most important thing in our life? Do we strive to do all five of our daily prayers? Do we willingly give our obligatory charity? Do we try hard to make it to the Friday prayer and study the Quran? Do we force ourselves to be with the believers to please them or please Him?

Are we careful to observe God's laws around the believers, only to break them with other people? We're with God 100% of the time no matter who else we're with. Do our actions often have to be justified with excuses and exceptions to God's commandments? Do we talk to promote kindness, tolerance and justice in others, without putting them to practice ourselves?

Do we speak up to others because we honestly want to share our thoughts and understanding with them or do we just want to show off to them? Do we discuss ideas to try to learn with those around us or just to put them down with our knowledge? Who do we try to impress the most—our spouse, our family, our friends, our co-workers, our boss? Do we really have things in order and try to set God as our priority?

Inform the hypocrites that they have incurred painful retribution. They are the ones who ally themselves with disbelievers instead of believers. Are they seeking dignity with them? All dignity belongs with God alone. — 4:138-139

O children of Adam, we have provided you with garments to cover your bodies, as well as for luxury. But the best garment is the garment of righteousness. These are some of God's signs, that they may take heed. — 7:26

God controls the minds and hearts of the people. He is the one who puts love, respect, and understanding between us and those around us. But we have to make God our priority first, working hard to be righteous and to do things that are pleasing to Him first before all others.

We are all familiar with what is commonly known as "mid-life crisis." For those who give priority to this life, happiness seems to increase

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until the age of 40, after which it tends to steadily decline. As they realize life has passed them by, they become regretful. For the believers, as they get older, they feel they are getting closer to God. That's the real life. It doesn't matter how we feel physically when we get old, because every minute brings us closer to God, which is our ultimate goal. As we get older, we get happier if we are sincere and follow God's guidance.

The day will come when He summons all of them (and says): "O you jinns, you have claimed multitudes of humans." Their human companions will say, "Our Lord, we enjoyed each others' company until we wasted the life span You had set for us." He will say, "Hell is your destiny." They abide therein forever, in accordance with God's will. Your Lord is Wise, Omniscient. — 6:128

Our happiness depends on how we set our goals in this life. Our goals should be to worship God alone, and know that our purpose in being here is to please God. We must continuously ask ourselves what's the most important thing in our lives and we must make God our number one priority.

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. — Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13

Anyone who works righteousness, male or female, while believing, we will surely grant them a happy life in this world, and we will surely pay them their full recompense (on the Day of Judgment) for their righteous works. — 16:97

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Donna A.

News & comments from the Mauritius Submitters

[Mauritius is situated in the Indian Ocean, approximately 2400 kilometres off the South East Coast of Africa.]

Dear monotheist brothers and sisters,

We're writing to you from Port Louis, Mauritius. Recently, we had a debate with traditionalist Muslims, and naturally as the Quran dictates, these people were deaf to our arguments. When we provided them evidence from the Quran, here is a summary of what they argued:

1. Hadith is at the same level with the Quran; hadith is divine
2. Quran was transmitted through a chain of narration, just like hadith
3. It is a sin to believe in Quran Alone
4. Those who reject hadith are in fact rejecting the Quran

They insisted with more ridiculous arguments. They also challenged us and asked us how we know the Quran contains 114 chapters. When we mentioned them about Sura 25, verse 30, they said that this verse applied to people who reject hadith!!! So now, they can't even read properly: "my people have abandoned this Quran" actually means "my people have abandoned this Quran, because they reject hadith"! How misguided can they get?

They even organized a talk this last Friday, at one of their mosques and the title of the talk was "Quraniyoun égal Kufr" (Following Quran alone equals disbelief). I have photographed the poster in question—see the pic below. This is how far astray followers can go.

Peace and blessings to you all.

[25:30] The messenger said, "My Lord, my people have deserted this Quran."

Mauritius submitters

Note: Some of the things the traditional Muslims tell us when we discuss with them to follow the Quran alone are:

- You have been duped by the so-called "Quran only" groups who are masquerading as Muslims.
- The hadiths are records of the words and actions of the Prophet [sm], and there are many verses in the Quran that says that we have to follow the Prophet [sm] in everything he says, regarding this Deen (religion); so in light of this clear and unequivocal proof, the 'Quraniyoun' will never be able to make us go astray regarding this matter, inshAllah Tha'ala.
- So you're wasting your time here mate.

The sign below says “Following Quran alone equals disbelief” (Quraniyoun égal Kufr)



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WHY THE QURAN IS THE BEST HADITH?

God's testimony is the greatest. Unlike man made books of hadith (sayings attributed to Prophet Muhammad), God witnessed the transmission of the Quran to Muhammad and us.

[6:19] Say, "Whose testimony is the greatest?" Say, "GOD's. He is the witness between me and you that this Quran has been inspired to me, to preach it to you and whomever it reaches. Indeed, you bear witness that there are other gods beside GOD." Say, "I do not testify as you do; there is only one god, and I disown your idolatry."

Unlike man made hadith books, the Quran is consistent. The Quran is the best hadith.

[39:23] GOD has revealed herein the best Hadith; a book that is consistent, and points out both ways (to Heaven and Hell). The skins of those who reverence their Lord cringe therefrom, then their skins and their hearts soften up for GOD's message. Such is GOD's guidance; He bestows it upon whoever wills (to be guided). As for those sent astray by GOD, nothing can guide them.

Unlike man made hadith books, the source of the Quran is God almighty. Muhammad received it through angel Gabriel.

[2:97] Say, "Anyone who opposes Gabriel should know that he has brought down this (Quran) into your heart, in accordance with GOD's will, confirming previous scriptures, and providing guidance and good news for the believers."

Unlike man made books of hadith, Muhammad wrote down the Quran by himself. God was his teacher.

[25:5] They also said, "Tales from the past that he wrote down; they were dictated to him day and night

[29:48] You did not read the previous scriptures, nor did you write them with your hand. In that case, the rejectors would have had reason to harbor doubts.

[55:1] The Most Gracious.

[55:2] Teacher of the Quran.

[68:1] NuN, the pen, and what they (the people) write.

[68:2] You have attained a great blessing from your Lord; you are not crazy.

[96:1] Read, in the name of your Lord, who created.

[96:2] He created man from an embryo.

[96:3] Read, and your Lord, Most Exalted.

[96:4] Teaches by means of the pen.

Unlike the man made hadiths, the Quran is the only preserved book.

[15:9] Absolutely, we have revealed the reminder, and, absolutely, we will preserve it

The Quran recognizes the Quran as the only genuine hadith.

[7:185] Have they not looked at the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and all the things GOD has created? Does it ever occur to them that the end of their life may be near? Which Hadith, beside this, do they believe in?

[12:111] In their history, there is a lesson for

those who possess intelligence. This is not fabricated Hadith; this (Quran) confirms all previous scriptures, provides the details of everything, and is a beacon and mercy for those who believe.

[31:6] Among the people, there are those who uphold baseless Hadith, and thus divert others from the path of GOD without knowledge, and take it in vain. These have incurred a shameful retribution.

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[39:29] GOD cites the example of a man who deals with disputing partners (Hadith), compared to a man who deals with only one consistent source (Quran). Are they the same? Praise be to GOD; most of them do not know.

[45:6] These are GOD's revelations that we recite to you truthfully. In which Hadith other than GOD and His revelations do they believe?

[52:34] Let them produce a Hadith like this, if they are truthful.

[68:44] Therefore, let Me deal with those who reject this Hadith; we will lead them on whence they never perceive.

[77:50] Which Hadith, other than this, do they uphold?

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