

MACE LEVEL 5
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Intentions & Goal

- ▶ Intentions
 - Are my intentions all right?*
 - Am I doing it for Allah?*
 - When I look deep, deep down inside.*
 - Do I have the right niyyah?*
- ▶ Purpose of this topic is to appreciate and understand wahi.
- ▶ Goal: bring us closer to the Quran

Aqidah
The Fundamentals of True Faith

Allah

Aqidah & Iman

- ▶ Aqidah
 - ▶ Islamic science that deals with those things that are necessary to believe in.
 - ▶ Something you learn.
 - ▶ Like your birth certificate. Nothing else will suffice, since it's the only thing that can prove your birth.
- ▶ Iman
 - ▶ Faith – increases with good actions.
 - ▶ Something you develop.

The Fundamentals of True Faith

- ▶ It is obligatory to **state** that I believe in:
 1. Allah (Tawhid – Oneness of Allah)
 2. His angels
 3. His scriptures (books)
 4. His messengers
 5. Resurrection after death
 6. That destiny, good and evil, is from Allah
 7. That the scale, Paradise and Hellfire are all true

Tawhid - Belief in the Oneness of Allah

- ▶ Allah is one, **without any partner (whatsoever)**
 - ▶ Negates any similarity or partner in His essence and attributes.
 - ▶ Many pagans accepted Allah as the supreme Lord, but he had helpers. We don't believe this.
- ▶ Begin with tawhid because it is the beginning of submission, what prophets started with, first obligation on man.

☞ "And to the people of Aad we sent Hud... He said 'Oh my people, worship Allah, you have no other god than He'" (Quran 7:65)

☞ "And to the people of Thamud we sent Salih... He said 'Oh my people, worship Allah, you have no other god than He'" (Quran 7:73)

☞ "And to the people of Madyan we sent Shuayb... He said 'Oh my people, worship Allah, you have no other god than He'" (Quran 7:85)

Allah and His Attributes

- ▶ We are unable to comprehend Allah.
 - ▶ Whatever occurs to one's mind, Allah is other than that.
- ▶ Allah is alive, He never dies.
- ▶ Allah is all-sustaining, He never sleeps.
- ▶ Allah is all-powerful, nothing debilitates Him.
- ▶ Everything is dependent on Him, He needs nothing.
- ▶ Allah does not have any children, nor parents.
- ▶ Where is Allah?
 - ▶ Allah is where He has always been.
 - ▶ We believe Allah is established on His throne (arsh). In whatever way is appropriate for Him, or however he intended it.
- ▶ Allah mentions "hand," a "countenance," and "self" in the Quran. It's UNLIKE our hand, countenance, self, etc.

Quran: The Miracle of Revelation

Lecture 1

The Blessing of Creation + Our Original Home

The Blessing of Creation

- ▶ Allah (alone) – no creation
 - ▶ He had not created the universe or any of creation
- ▶ Creation - In Allah's *infinite* mercy he decided to CREATE.
 - ▶ The universe, the sun, etc.
 - ▶ Animate (living) objects
 - ▶ Inanimate (non living objects)
 - ▶ Humans - Allah blessed us and made us the *pinnacle* of creation.
- ▶ You could have been a rock or a tree. Next time u see an object/animal, that could have been you.

Alhamdulillah

- ▶ I'm just a rock and everyday I sit and watch the sky. I sleep here in the sun and rain and do not question why. I don't want to be a bird cause us rocks were never meant to fly. But you can sit and rest on me when you pass by.
- ▶ Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, im a rock And that is all Allah asks of me. Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, im a Muslim And There's nothing else I'd rather be.
- ▶ I'm just a tree And this is the only life I'll ever know. I bow my bows in worship Whenever I feel the wind blow. And my purpose in life is to grow when Allah says grow And be a home for the birds and shade for folks below.
- ▶ Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, im a tree And that is all Allah asks of me. Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, im a Muslim And There's nothing else I'd rather be.
- ▶ I'm just a person And my life is full of opportunity. I can travel through the world Over land and over sea. But will I choose the path of truth Or a path to misguide me? Sometimes we'd had a simple life Just like a rock or a tree.
- ▶ But alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, im a person, and Allah has given me a choice that's free. So, alhamdulillah, I chose to be a Muslim And There's nothing else I'd rather be.

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Blessing of Creation: Believers vs Disbelievers

- ▶ The next level: Humans who OBEY Allah & humans who DISOBEY.
 - ▶ We didn't do anyone a favor, ALLAH did US a favor.
 - ▶ A common misconception:
 - ▶ If I weren't Muslim, this is what I would do x, y, z (fill in anything that would disobey Allah).
 - ▶ If we didn't have iman we would be NOWHERE.
 - ▶ THAT IS YOUR NUMBER ONE ASSET.
- ▶ If we stop this class on this point and reflect on this point and thank Allah till the end of TIME we would never be able to make enough thanks.

All Praise & Thanks To Allah

- ▶ From amongst those who OBEY and DISOBEY Allah, we are created from a group of people from the UMMAH of Rasullullah! !
- ▶ In Hadith it comes that **EVERY single prophet** made dua to be a part of the umma of Rasullullah! !
 - ▶ This will only be accepted for one Prophet, Isa (a), who will return to this world and live his life as an umatee of Rasullullah! !
- ▶ Allah has made us healthy, wealthy, sanity.
- ▶ He only asks us to thank him, worship him, and invite others towards him.
- ▶ If we all sit and worship Allah his greatness will not get greater and if we all didn't his greatness would not decrease in the least

Our Original Home

- ▶ **Stage 1:** Initial Creation - Yawmul Alast (The Day of Testimony).
 - ▶ Allah gathered ALL of creation together (our souls) and asked us Alastubirabikum (Am I not your lord)? All of us said "yes"
- ▶ **Stage 2:** Soul blown into Womb of our mother
- ▶ **Stage 3:** Born – Earth
- ▶ **Stage 4:** Death – Graves
- ▶ **Stage 5:** Day of Judgment
- ▶ **Stage 6:** Final Abode - InshAllah Jannah
- ▶ Shortest time of these? Longest time?
- ▶ We know from hadith that some days on the day of judgment will be equal to 100,000 years.

The Earth is a Test

- ▶ What does a TEST do?
- ▶ The purpose of our time on Earth and life/death is a TEST to see who is the best in their deeds.
- ▶ It will determine our condition in the grave and our final place – Hell or Heaven.
- ▶ Story of Adam & Hawa
 - ▶ We were supposed to live in Jannah, but out of Allah's infinite knowledge, we were placed on the earth for a certain time.
 - ▶ Allah did not say DON'T EAT FROM THIS TREE – he said – DO NOT APPROACH this tree.
 - ▶ What does this mean in our everyday lives?

Review, Vocab, & Terms

- ▶ We were created as the best of creation (humans)
- ▶ Were chosen to be amongst the elite status of ummah of Rasulallahﷺ
- ▶ We need to thank and worship Allah
- ▶ Our time on earth is the shortest stage in our life. Our judgment and final abode are longest.
- ▶ We are put on this earth as a test.
- ▶ Vocab: Yawmul Alust
