

LESSON 4.

10) İRŞAD (11) JIHAD (CIHAD)	12) CAUSE (DAVA)
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- 10) İRŞAD:** → Means showing the right path to the people, warning their hearts and turning them towards the Truth, eliminating the obstacles that stand in front of people on their way to Allah, and help them meet Allah...
- Every muslim is responsible and given the task of irshad and conveying the message according to his/her facilities and abilities, according to how much his/her possibilities permit. Yes every believer is responsible for explaining the Allah, Whom he/she put faith in, and His Messenger to all the people, helping the hearts who listen hear the message and love it, thoroughly represent the religion and show that in any condition and any situation the believer can live his/her religion to its full extent.
- The one who fulfilled the responsibility of Irshad is called Murshid.
- (KZT 3 - İrşad ve Mürşid)
(KT 11 / Yaşatma İdeali - İrşad ve Nifak)
- 11) JIHAD:** → The word Jihad means to try, to strive, to use all the strength given.
- Jihad, depending on different conditions sometimes means to protect such values as life, property, religion, generation, motherland and honor; and sometimes it means the activity (which is addressed upon necessity) of eliminating the obstacles on the way of elevating the Word of Allah.
- It does not hold the same meaning as is imposed and explained by media and some publications nowadays.
- There are two types of Jihad:
- 1) Great Jihad: The jihad and struggle against one's own carnal soul (nefs).
 - 2) Minor Jihad: Struggle, battle for the sake of protecting Islam.
- *"Fight and struggle, proclaim jihad on the Way of Allah. And know that without a doubt, Allah is a true All-Hearer and All-Knower"* (Bakara 244)
- (AGT 3 - Cihad Nedir?)
(Prizma 8 / Çizgimizi Hecelerken - Namaz Cihad Dengesi)
- 12) CAUSE:** → The word "Ideology" (mefkûre) holds within itself such meanings like aim, purpose, ideal and the imaginative intention; thus some prefer using the words ideal or imaginative intention, instead of ideology.
- When a person personalises or owns a cause or a goal wholeheartedly; tries to assess his own actions, behavior and attitude, even the way he laughs or cries under the light and scrutiny of his goal, then his/her everything will follow his goal and his cause.
- We can call those who carry this belief inside, the heroes of the cause: My life will have any significance only if I will talk about my God, If I will perform my own religion I will gain some meaning to my existence.
- One of the students of Said Nursi, Hamid Efendi from Van, talks about this event: Hazret Said Nursi, after visiting Grand National Assembly in Ankara leaves for Van. During the years that he stayed there, he used to climb the Van Castle that was at the height of two minarets. Each time he visited the castle he would also descend to a cave that was situated at very steep and precipitous place. Once, when he was approaching the cave quite fast, his feet slipped and he could not find anything to hold on to. Said Nursi was hanging in the air. Even at that moment he did not think of his life at all, he thought of his cause, his service to the religion and the nation. As loud as his voice allowed him, he cried: "Oh my cause, my cause!". The place where he fell is six meters deep cliff, but as if a hidden hand holds him, and pushes him, and he makes a three meters curve, lands at the entrance of the cave below him. This is the man of ideology, this is the man for cause!
- (Prizma 7 / Zihin Harmanı - İdeal Dava Adamı)

Match the following words to the definitions:

Irşad

Life without it has no meaning

Jihad

Showing people the right way

Cause

Trying, using all strength possible

Fill in the following gaps:

In fact, if there is any act that is to stay in the life of dunya, and has the most valueable results in the Hereafter, it is, and obviously, the most valuable person is the one who is the man os – murshid. Everyone’s is according to the value of his worshipping; so, there are a lot of the heroes of and men of whom we can talk about.

There is a great difference between those who refrain from, and those who without hesitation sacrifice their lives for this cause, and this difference is not possible to cover with any other good deed. In the Verse that holds this meaning it is stated as follows (meaning):

“Those muslims who stay aside -except the ones who are excluded- will never be the same with the ones who proclaimed sacrificing their posessions and lives on the way of Allah. Allah exalted those who proclaimed with their posessions and lives, to the higher degree, compared to those who stood aside. Although Allah gave good tidings of blessings (Jannah) to all of them; But the Mujahids are superior with their great blessings to the ones who stood aside.”

Our Prophet (p.b.u.h.) came with the universal that surrounded the whole humanity. Obviously such a great would be with opposition from a small group of unbelievers and idolaters, and it was. Yes, a number of unbelievers and idolaters stood up against this Holy, committed to stopping its development and spread. But when indeed Islam was growing in Mekkan community, the unbelievers of Mekka tried all types of fighting, and literally blockaded Islam and Muslims. But when they understood that they will not be successful, they decided to directly eliminate the owner of the, the Leader of the Prophets.