**LESSON 29**

**85) EXERTION (HİMMET) 86) JAMAAT 87) HANIF**

1. **EXERTION:**  Exertion means to desire or wish for something, and to be inclined towards this point and concentrate on this. In Sufi terms, exertion means to wriggle oneself out material and spiritual interests, forgetting worldly pleasures as well as Heaven and its promises, to be able to focus all of one’s attention on Allah, above even the most absolute necessities.

 It has also been interpreted to mean when a person does justice to the free will granted to them by Allah by deepening and perfecting their heart and soul entrusted to them; to struggle in His name and follow his commands and be in the frame of his consent while moving forward in the direction He has willed; while doing all of this, to remember to endeavor to help others reach the potentials of their hearts and souls.

 Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi defined exertion as seriously concentrating to the wishes of one’s heart to the point of dying for their desire; in fact, it means rejecting all other wants and wishes so one can focus only on this one thing.

## (KZT 4 -­‐ Himmet)

**(KT 5 / İkindi Yağmurları -­‐ Himmet: Teveccüh, İnfak ve Gayret)**

1. **JAMAAT:** Jamaat is the conscious assembly that is brought about by a community of people that revolve around certain and specific emotions, thoughts, beliefs and doctrines. Jamia however is coming together around a specific emotion, not necessarily thought, belief, and doctrine, to reach a specific goal and purpose.

 A union around beliefs gains an immeasurable value because it is accomplishing both a duty and worship.

Even if an individual is a genius and can put forth marvelous things with this genius, the things brought forth with the thought and solidarity of a jamaat, can easily leave this individual in the dust. As it is expressed in an ancient proverb, “Two heads are better than one.”

 In this sense, people of genius, can act nobly by turning to others exertion and council. In fact, in my opinion, even those who have charismatic features, will never be able to be successful if they act self-centered and self-contained by themselves as in the past.

 When trying to explain the concept of jamaat one of the most important points we must spend time on is the truth of the grace of Allah manifesting over the jamaat. The prophet (saw) alluded to this with the hadith, “Allah’s grace and strength is with the jamaat.” Therefore, this means the infinitely helpless and poor human must walk with the help of the owner of infinite strength and power, Allah, and work in His name.

(Prizma 2 -­‐ İslam’da Cemaat Gerçeği)

**87) HANIF:**  In Islamic thought, they are the people who, during the period known as the Pre-Islamic period or Age of Ignorance, were seen to have rejected idolatry and retained some or all the tenets of the religion of Abraham which was submission to Allah in its purest form.

 Those who are strongly tied to Islam and have turned their knowledge into purpose and motive.

 For example, Zayd ibn Amr, the father of Sa’id ibn Zayd and Zayd b. Amr who is the uncle of Umar, two of the al-Asharaa al-Mubasharûn bi-l-Janna, was a hanif. This individual turned his face away from idolatry and always proclaimed about how they could neither help nor hurt anyone. He was someone who’s sun set five minutes shortly before the sunrise. One of the signs that showed this was his words, “I know of a religion that’s coming is near; its shadow is above your heads. However, I don’t know if I will be able to reach those days.

# Matching Exercise:

Hanif A person focusing on a path and willing to die for the thing they wish deeply and earnestly with their heart

Exertion Believing in the oneness of Allah before the arrival of Islam

Jamaat A conscious assembly of people coming together

# Fill in the Blank Exercise:

On the other hand, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can mean to struggle, endeavor, strive, labor, hustle, and to embrace a task with four arms. The Turkish proverb, “Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, son effort,” brings forth the prerequisite of effort to find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well as the difference between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and effort; it also illustrates that dua can only be accepted when both verbal prayer (kavli dua) and actional prayer (fiili dua) are made.

Muhammad (saw)’s atmosphere of intercession is so wide, that it is hoped, he will not forget those who sincerely and earnestly will him and will hold their hands on the day of judgment, raising them to his radiant and joyous world, being a means for their felicity. Like this corporeal person, who was able to live by those in the light as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even in times of darkness of interregnum, we believe those who do not outwardly worship idols during times of darkness and interregnum, then they will be saved.

When trying to explain the concept of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one of the most important points we must spend time on is the truth of the grace of Allah manifesting over the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The prophet (saw) alluded to this with the hadith, “Allah’s grace and strength is with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Therefore, this means the infinitely helpless and poor human must walk with the help of the owner of infinite strength and power, Allah, and work in His name.