**LESSON 30**

**88) LIVING BEING (ZÎHAYAT)** **89) CONSCIOUS BEING (ZÎŞUUR) 90) MUJADDID**

1. **LIVING BEING (ZÎHAYAT):**  Something that is alive and has life, an individual entity exhibiting the properties of life

 Among the living beings the widest willed and most noble is humankind. In fact, the subtlest yet most apparent part of humankind’s free will is their speech, consumption, and thought. However, with a little contemplation one can sense how little control humankind even has control over this. Indeed, if creation’s noblest, humankind’s hand, is even this tightly intertwined and under the supervision of the True Providence, then the rest of the whole of creation, alive or not, is nothing but merely a servant (mamluk) placed exactly as intended, and that serves and answers to a single Creator.

 Each creature is an enthusiastic soldier on active duty, a straightforward (mustaqeem) satisfied civil servant

**(Risale-i Nur: Ilk Donem Eserleri, Nur’un Ilk Kapisi, Onuncu Ders; Sozler, 2. Soz)**

1. **CONSCIOUS BEING (ZÎŞUUR):** Meaning those who are conscious and have awareness.

 Jinn is another creature, made of smokeless fire, belonging in the material realm, similar to us, posses a soul and consciousness that can utilize mater. Due to their consciousness, they are separate from other unconscious (i.e. plants) or lifeless creations, and like us are cognizant and therefore accountable for their actions.

## (Varlığın Metafizik Boyutu -­‐ Ruh Emir Âlemindendir)

1. **MUJADDID:**  Renewer, strengthener. A scholar that strengthens the religion of Islam, cleansing it of bid’ah (false practices not derived from true religious principles, extraneous reforms, and superstitions while reinstating and proclaiming the sunnah.) Allah will raise one for this community every hundred years, the one who will reestablish its religion for it. (Hadith - Sunan Abu Dawood)

 “Out of His perfect mercy, every time the Muslim community has been corrupted, Almighty God has sent a reformer, or a regenerator, or a vicegerent of high standing, or a supreme spiritual pole, or a perfect guide, or blessed persons resembling a Mahdi, as a mark of His protecting the Shari‘a of Islam until eternity; they have removed the corruption, reformed the nation, and preserved Muhammad’s (saw) religion.” Showing this subject to public as the examples of Mehdî-i Abbâsî in policy, Gavs-i Azam, Baha-ud-Din Naqshband, Aktab-i Erbaa (Abdul Qadir Gilani, Ahmed er-Rifai, Ahmed el-Bedevi, Ibrahim Desuki), and the Twelve Imams in religious studies, Ustad Said Nursi says: “Since His custom has always been thus, certainly at the time of greatest corruption at the end of time He will send a luminous person as both the greatest interpreter of the Law, and the supreme mujaddid, and ruler, and Mahdi, and guide, and spiritual pole, and that person will be from the Prophet’s (UWBP) Family.” In regards to the assertion that hadiths about the Mahdi are weak, Ustad Said Nursi states, “What topic is there that some books do not mention? In fact, other great scholars have recounted astonishment when the great muhaddith Ibn al-Jawzi informed that some sahih hadiths were unfounded and fabricated. Likewise, it does not mean every weak or unfounded hadith is a misrepresentation. It may mean due to the sanad (chain of narrators) whether or not it is an indisputable hadith is ambiguous. However, it does not mean there is no meaning or truth in the statement.”

**(Risale-i Nur: 29 Letter, 7th Station, 5th Sign; 14 Sua, Hata ve Cevaplar, 76 Hata)**

# Matching Exercise:

Conscious being Alive, possessing life

Mujaddid Aware and mindful

Living being Sent as a result of His perfect mercy, in times of corruption within the Muslim community

# Fill in the Blank Exercise:

According Said Nursi, those who read Qur’an should realize that it is not only through other humans that one gains rewards, but rather remember that they are amidst all of Allah’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ creatures, the ethereal and angelic listener. They should hold sincerity and gaining His approval as foundations so that the blessed words they pronounce are revived and revitalized with sincerity and loyal intent, reaching boundless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and transmitting radiance.

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