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Although human is created as a transient being in this transient realm, with respect to the essence ingrained in human nature, human is a being meant for eternity, who yearns for eternity and walks towards eternity. This is one of the essential characteristics that distinguishes people from other living beings. Human is not a creature condemned to live in a narrow mundane frame. In this regard, the essential duty of human is to follow the way to let them reach eternal peace and to endeavor for a lifetime for accomplishing this lofty pursuit.

The sole purpose of a person must be God. Every person must strive for the sake of loving Him, letting others love Him, and for connecting people’s hearts with Him; He is the purpose of purposes. Every being other than Him gains a value only in terms of serving as a means toward Him. As the worth of the angels is on account of their closeness to Him, the superiority of the Prophets is similarly on account of their closeness to Him, along with their guiding people to Him. The worth and value of the Pride of Humanity in the sight of we Muslims is beyond measure. Together with that, we do not see him as the purpose, but as a means so critical to the degree of a purpose. This is a requirement of Islamic faith. While saying the proclamation of faith, we firstly affirm God’s existence and being one, and then we mention the noble Prophet, who is the foremost among the most important means at reaching to that purpose.

People who have turned their gaze to good pleasure of God in this world and the next (rida and ridwan[[1]](#footnote-1)) and are fixed on a lofty ideal will lead an upright life. Thanks to their profound relation with God, they do not waver in the face of adverse winds, and do not change their direction. As for those who do not pursue such an exalted ideal, they are bound to be swept in unpredictable directions when facing storms. Since they do not follow a certain route, no wind can help them proceed towards an aim. Even if they keep up straight course on good roads for a time, it will not last long; suddenly, they will veer off into steep slopes in pursuit of carnal and devilish desires, falling into ruin or sinking into deep waters.

Let us reiterate that the highest aim for believers is to first know and introduce God and then to know and introduce those who represent Him; it is being able to take one’s place behind the personalities who represent Him and to adopt their path as one's own. The Messenger of God (peace be upon him) also advised us to hold tightly to his path and the path of the rightly-guided caliphs and to never stray from this path. To be able to convey true meaning of being human to the entire humanity and to nurture love for humanity in hearts depends on walking on the path of the Prophet and following the footsteps of those who represent that path.

If we have fixed ourselves on such a high ideal, we love all creation for the sake of the Creator. We view human as a divine work of art blessed with the best pattern of creation, and solely for this reason, we feel a unique regard towards human. Again, for His sake, we feel a deeper love and respect for those in whose hearts the torch of faith burns. For those who have not yet recognized Him, we strive to introduce and endear Him by imparting the inspirations of our soul to them. In this way, by making efforts aimed at enlivening others, we sustain our own liveliness. We fear that the spirit and life within us will extinguish if we fail to breathe a spirit and life into our surroundings. The more we share the beauties we possess with others, God will grant us even more. To the extent that we distribute to our surroundings the blessings God has bestowed upon us, we will be showered with new blessings descending upon us in torrents.

Let others take whatever path they wish; this is the path we walk. We call this path ‘the path of service.’ We believe that those who serve humanity will have a special value before God and His Messenger. We dismiss all other accolades with the back of our hand, because services attached to applause and praise will not lead us forward but pull us backward. Whoever is concerned with the world will have a world of concerns to worry about.

The devil will attempt to divert such people from their path by confronting them with worldly troubles and distractions. Those who think they are on the path to Him but do not seek solely His approval will not achieve their goal. The devil will occupy those who are not engaged with God with falsehoods and trivial matters. This accursed being will not even come near those whose goal, purpose, and occupation is God.

The construction and revitalization of human sentiments and thoughts, and the establishment of peace and tranquility in the world, will not be achieved through force, power, or weapons. Rather, it will be accomplished by people who seek God’s good pleasure, entering hearts and persuading minds. Thanks to their efforts, the East and the West, the North and the South will embrace each other; all diverse colors and patterns will meet, and humanity will live together in peace (**kardeşçe**). Those who resort to brute force and rely on their power to straighten people have never solved any problem; instead, these have created vicious cycles of problems. Those who enter this vicious cycle lose their sound judgment, their humanity, and cause successive complications.

It is primarily the Prophets, and then those who walk in their footsteps, who have taught humanity the lesson of being truly human. They communicated this principally through their own state and actions, and then conveyed it through their words. We, too, should aspire for this, constantly invoke and remember God, and know that our closeness to Him will increase in proportion to our engagement with this, and will keep us safe from the devil’s deceit and tricks. We should remember that the resuscitation of deformed and degenerated human sentiments and thoughts in our day will happen through this kind of efforts and striving. Otherwise, one cannot reach anywhere with coercion, empty words, lies, demagoguery, violence, and divisiveness as some do nowadays. Those who engage in such illegitimate and inhumane paths will, over time, become pawns of the devil and lose their credibility.

If you wish to inspire trust and be credible, you must continuously walk on the same upright path without deviating even slightly, and represent the values you believe in the best way. People take the pulse of you for a long time, listen to your heart and see whether there is any arrythmia or not. If you represent the virtues you call others to in the best way in your own life and stay far from the vices you urge others to avoid, then they will believe in you. Let us reiterate once more that it is not those who are eloquent or captivating in speech, but those who stand aloof from worldly concerns, who do not succumb to desires and ambitions, who are not slaves to animal drives, and who keep up their impeccable decency and integrity are truly credible. If the devoted individuals who have reached various countries around the world have influenced their surroundings, this is neither due to the knowledge and expertise they possess nor to their eloquence; rather, it is their very sincerity and hands-on representation of their values.

In the words of the Qur'an, everyone acts in accordance with their own character. That is why some, like Ibn Salul, are hypocritical, deceiving masses with their double-faced behavior and lies. Others, like Pharaoh, see everyone but themselves as insignificant and act tyrannically. And still others, following the philosophy of Omar Khayyam, pursue only the satisfaction of their own desires and entertain themselves. Although there are countless signs indicating God on the way they are walking, these people do not see them, or even if they do, they ignore them. God makes a warning in the revelation that He will let Satan accompany those who forget Him and turn away from His remembrance, and that Satan will become their companion. Therefore, those whose compass points to God and whose path aligns with Him are not favored by Satan or his allies. They not only dislike such people but also try to divert them from their path. For this reason, such individuals should not be surprised when both human and jinn devils try to occupy themselves with them. They must continue on their chosen path, undeterred by Satan and his followers.

Those blessed individuals whose sole target is to attain good pleasure of God, who adhere to the Last Prophet and seek to glorify the name of God drive Satan and his allies to frenzy. Satan and his followers applaud corruptors and troublemakers wherever they reach and never favor those who pursue rectification. While they become the greatest supporters of tyrants who thrive on division, ignorance, and poverty, they fiercely oppose those who fight to eradicate these from the earth through different ways and methods. when Satan sees heroes of rectification who are determined to spread the noble names of God and His Messenger everywhere the sun rises and sets, he is enraged and sends his followers on earth against them. If he does not, that would be surprising, for it is inconceivable that Satan would not target such virtuous people who have been a source of so much goodness for humanity. Just as Satan sees the Pride of Humanity as his greatest enemy, he does not remain indifferent to those who dedicate themselves to conquering hearts for his cause. The recent events demonstrate that he has not remained indifferent.

When we look at the process of oppression, the lies and slanders that were spread during it, the unimaginable injustices, attacks and assaults, and betrayals of various kinds, we can understand that Satan works tirelessly, twenty-four hours a day, to influence the hearts of human devils, to inspire them, provide them with different arguments, and to prompt them to take action. Their relentless attacks are the clearest indication that you are walking the right path. The relentless bedevilment of those who are buried in falsehood, who are racing to accumulate more wealth, and are enslaved by this world serves as a convincing reference that you are on the right path. If you believe this, you should continue to walk on the path you know to be right without heeding Satan or his loyal followers. You should double your efforts and increase your speed in order to effect universal peace on earth. You should re-evaluate the path you walk through the standards of the Qur'an and Sunnah and the criteria of the righteous predecessors, continuously reviewing your attitudes and actions under the light of the revelation, correcting any deviations; you must walk steadily towards your cherished ideals, undeterred by any obstacles and without stopping or hesitation.

1. Rida (riza): a servant’s being well pleased with God and seeking His good pleasure in this world; Ridwan: God Almighty’s eternal satisfaction with that person in response to that servant’s good pleasure and endeavors. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)