



Day 8: Our Creator

Bismillah

Today's Challenge is about re-connecting with our Rabb.

What is the ultimate purpose of 'The 10 Day Challenge' and who are we doing it for and what do we want to achieve?

Exactly – closeness and obedience to our Creator.

Allah - Our Creator! The Creator of the Heavens and the Earth and All that Exists!

This world wasn't created out of nothing and our existence isn't purposeless. There is a reason for us being here.

" And I Allah created not the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me Alone!" (Q:51:56).

...and that is our main purpose in life - that (the verse above) is the reason Allah (swt) created us - humans. And if we don't worship Him as He (swt) wants us to worship Him then He (swt) will replace us!

How do we get to know Allah? How do we understand our purpose in this life? What is our journey? As all of us have a different journey in this world.

Most of us grew up in Muslim families and grew up with the 'basics' - you know praying and fasting etc. But then most of us never really understood Allah (swt) and our purpose - or why does this or that always happen to me? (We've all had that moment!).

Allah (swt) has put all the signs in the world - for us to get closer to Him, to understand Him and to understand how to worship Him - it's for us to open our eyes and hearts to see and feel.

"And He shows you His signs and Proofs of His Oneness. Which, then of the Signs and Proofs of Allah do you deny?" (Q:40:81).

Allah (swt) can be understood through His Names and Attributes. Allah (swt) can be understood through our own souls and bodies (the way He



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created us). Allah (swt) can be understood through nature and its beauty. Allah (swt) can be understood through His words - the Qur'an - only if we are willing to understand.

He has given us aqal - intellect - but sadly we use it to argue amongst ourselves and to compete - who is better me or him/her...

To truly fulfill our purpose in this duniya and to receive the rewards in jannah - we need to understand our Rabb - Allah.

In these 10 Days strive to get closer to Allah (swt) our Lord, our Creator, and our Sustainer and fulfill the reason for our creation - for this is one of the best times to really truly understand Allah (swt)!

Here are some action points for our Challenge today to really get interactive in getting to know Allah - our Creator.

Firstly, I truly pray that the Challenges so far have increased and super-charged your Imaan and in the process brought you closer to Allah (swt).

Remember that these challenges don't end here - they continue daily.

And in fact one of the reasons why we do get low on Imaan is that we see Ramadan as such a blessed time that we forget that each prayer and sujood we perform outside of Ramadan is in fact a blessed moment.

In fact, waking up each day alive is a blessed moment in and of itself.

Yes, Ramadan just like these 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah, Arafah Day, Muharram, Sunnah fasting days are extra special.

But I think we have become accustomed to excuses.

You know, excuses such as; 'Well Ramadan is such a spiritual month and we can't get that all year round!'

Wrong!

That is an excuse. We need to be weary of our thoughts and what we say - Allah knows us!!!



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By saying such statements we get lazy, lax and don't do nothing at all.

If there is one major point to take away from these ten days and this 10 Day Challenge is that Allah will question us about our intention, sincerity and our excuses!

Enough said. I know you are wise enough to get back on track.

Well, you are on this Challenge, right?

Okay, here is today's action point's insha'Allah.

Action Points:

a) Books - go to your local Islamic bookshop and buy yourselves an Eid present - a book on Allah's Names and Attributes and a book on Tawheed - study these books and get to know Allah (swt). Study and memorise Allah's Names and Attributes - and call on Him (swt) in dua with His beautiful Names.

b) Park - yes, your local park - go there and sit a while - ponder and reflect - have a look at the trees, the sky, the birds - and think about Allah.

c) Prostration - we are the most closest to Allah (swt) when we are in sujood - so increase your prostrations and invoke Allah az wajal.

d) Count - all the blessings Allah (swt) has blessed you with and reflect on your life, your journey, your mission, your hopes, your wishes and your dreams - reflect...

..."So which of your Lord's favours will YOU deny..." (Surah Rahman)

Also use the 10 Day Challenges so far to reflect and just talk to Allah. In a Hadith Qudsi it says that if we walk to Allah the He (swt) will run to us. He (swt) is waiting for us. Will YOU answer His call? ☺