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Sura Luqman

Allah has created within every human being a fitrah. This is a light which increases when we further our understanding of Allah. We should strive to recite the dua and these dua will illuminate our fitrah and our existence.

Humans are born with an instinctual desire, like that of animals. When a human submits to this desire, it prevents his heart from being illuminated by the Fitrah. However, when we reject Allah and follow our desires, the light of our heart becomes dim.

The Imam was asked, 'what is the fitrah?' He responded that it is to say there is no God but Allah, Muhammed is the messenger of Allah and Ali is the successor of the Prophet.

This is because these utterances increase the knowledge and understanding of Allah which in turn illuminate our Fitrah. Naturally the human being is inclined towards the characteristics of the AhlulBayt. Imam Hussain demonstrated all the most desirable attributes in Karbala, and our heart naturally lean towards this. Examples include the forgiveness, bravery and faith of the Imam.

This fitrah and light allows us to understand the signs of Allah.

The 5th Imam has said 'In your discussions talk about Allah, not about the nature of Allah, for the latter causes more confusion'.

'Surely we have displayed our signs in the skies and in their hearts/ selves'. The AhlulBayt have told us to reflect on ourselves.

Furthermore, the famous Hadith says: 'He who knows himself, knows his Lord'. Hence we must reflect, understand ourselves and this will allow us to understand Allah.

Going back to the verse previously mentioned, what is a sign? A sign is there to direct us to a particular place. These signs which Allah talks about should guide us to obtaining the understanding of Allah.

One of the greatest signs of God is Holy Prophet Muhammed. We must follow in the footsteps of the Prophet if we want to reach Allah.

8th Imam: 'One who says there is no God but Allah, enters the fortress of Allah, and I am one of the conditions.'

Sura Luqman: V10/11:

We must allow the Quran to speak to our hearts. We should not just use it to prove others wrong. Let us take a moment and thank Allah. Many of His signs are apparent, and we should appreciate this blessing.

كُلِّ مِنْ فِيهَا فَأَنْبَتْنَا مَاءَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ وَأَنْزَلْنَا دَابَّةً كُلِّ مِنْ فِيهَا وَبَثَّ بِكُمْ تَمِيدَ أَنْ رَوَاسِي الْأَرْضِ فِي وَالْقَى تَرَوْنَهَا عَمِدَ بَغِيرَ السَّمَاوَاتِ خَلَقَ
كَرِيمِ رَوْجِ

"He created the heavens without pillars as you see them, and put mountains upon the earth lest it might convulse with you, and He spread in it animals of every kind; and We sent down water from the cloud, then caused to grow therein (vegetation) of every noble kind."

Here Allah tells us that He created the skies. Furthermore, Allah has created so many different types of creation and we are just one of these many types yet we are often so arrogant. Allah invites us to reflect on the water which we have, the uses and benefits of it.

مُبين ضلال في الظالمون بل دونه من الذين خلق ماذا نيقارو الله خلق هذا

"This is Allah's creation, but show Me what those besides Him have created. Nay, the unjust are in manifest error"

We often try to understand things from our limited lens and as a result we will not be able to understand the nature of Allah.

When someone does not reflect, he is oppressing himself in so many ways.

We say to the Prophet in ziyarat, you are greater than any comprehension. If the prophet is like this, surely God is above and beyond this.

The purpose of creation is to worship Allah. We must acknowledge our lowliness and subservience to Allah and worship Him. In our prayers, we confirm that the Prophet was the best servant of Allah and we should strive to also be the best servants of God. By connecting to the AhlulBayt, we connect to Allah, as seen in We find even in our Ziyarat, such as Jami Kabeera, we connect all the AhlulBayt to Allah throughout.

Conclusion

If we want the fitrah which Allah has placed within us to become illuminated, we must understand the station of the AhlulBayt and connect with them.

We pray that Allah (swt) gives us the Tawfeeq to serve Allah and be obedient to Him. We pray that we are able to illuminate our Fitrah and connect through the AhlulBayt.