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الحمد لله حمدا يوافي نعمه، يا ربنا لك الحمد كما ينبغي لجلال وجهك وعظيم سلطانك. وأشهد أنّ لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له وأشهد أنّ سيدنا وحبينا محمد عبده ورسوله. اللهم صلى وسلم عليه وعلى آله وصحبه ومن اتبع هداه.

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ (الصف 9)
فإن خير الحديث كتاب الله وخير الهدي هدي محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم وشر الأمور محدثاتها وكل بدعة ضلالة وكل ضلالة في النار

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ (آل عمران 102)

يقول تعالى:

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Is one who worships devoutly during the hours of the night prostrating himself or standing (in adoration of Allah), who takes heed of the Hereafter, and who places his hope in the Mercy of his Lord—(like one who does not)? Say: “Are those equal, those who know and those who do not know? It is those who are endued with understanding will remember (and understand).

Allah Ta’ala, in this verse, brings us two comparisons:

The first: those who worship at night weary of the Aakhira and praying for the Mercy of Allah as compared to those who don’t.

The second: those who know with those who don’t know.

He finally tells us that only those with substance, with a good core, with a strong believing heart, with sound intellect will understand the meaning of this advice from the Almighty Allah.

My dear teachers and students, the Dunya has become more complex than ever before.

Yet though this complexity, we find the same pattern of human behaviour, the same pattern that is criticised throughout the Qur’an is seen behind the façade of human civility. The same pattern, only more sophisticated.

At first, Satan created a surprise context between him and our father Adam, Satan’s deception was the first attempt at beguiling humanity and exploiting human hopefulness and innocence.

The tree of immortality and imperishable wealth – so that you can do good forever. Satan gave them false hope, it wasn’t the tree of immortality, it was the false hope that brought expulsion from the Jannah in which Adam and Even lived.

Had Adam and Even known of the guile of Satan, or his malicious intent to exploit them, they would not have trusted his bad advice.

In like manner, many of the sharks in this world seek to exploit you with false hope, we see this in email scams, in marketing campaigns and even in big industry.

There will be those out there seeking to exploit your skills and energies for ends that are not as noble as they claim them to be.

We see deception at many levels of society, we see it in industry, we see it in politics, we see leaders lying in relation to projects in their own countries and we see leaders taking their nations to war on the basis of lies and deception.

The great Khalifa Omar Ibnul Khattab said:

لَسْتُ بِالْخَبِيِّ، وَلَا الْخَبُّ يَخْدَعُنِي

“I am not a deceiver, and the deceiver cannot deceive me”

In Islam – the ends do NOT justify the means – Allah is Tayyib, He only accepts العمل الطيب.

حديث: إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى طَيِّبٌ لَا يَقْبَلُ إِلَّا طَيِّبًا، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمَرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِمَا أَمَرَ بِهِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

When you go out to work, keep this hadith in your heart, Allah only accepts work that is clean and pure. He also commanded the believers with what he commanded His messengers. You are an ambassador of our messenger, peace and blessings upon him.

The Qur’an alerts us and Allah tells us in clear terms that our duty is to work with sincerity, the result is up to Him, Subhanah.

Work sincerely, study with a careful mind, do your due diligence and even if the whole world around you acts corruptly, you must always act honourably.

There are many tools of distraction in our world, quite often the tool that is used is to keep people preoccupied with trivial matters, even in these situations, the believer behaves honourably. As Allah Ta’ala says:

فَدَأْفَلَحَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١﴾ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ خَاشِعُونَ ﴿٢﴾ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنِ اللَّغْوِ مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٣﴾ سورة المؤمنون

Successful are the believers, those who are humble in their prayers and those who avoid trivialities (that waste their time).

وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَشْهَدُونَ الزُّورَ وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِاللَّغْوِ مَرُّوا كِرَامًا (الفرقان 72)

And Those who do not give false witness and if they pass by trivialities (that waste their time), they pass by with dignity.

وَإِذَا سَمِعُوا اللَّغْوَ أَعْرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَقَالُوا لَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ لَا تَبْتَغِي الْجَاهِلِينَ (القصص 55)

If they hear trivialities (that waste their time), they turn away from it and say: to us are our deeds and to you yours, peace to you, we don’t seek to be in a state of ignorance.

Soon, many of you will graduate, with this graduation, you will leave the comfort of the university and spread out into the land becoming the hope for the future at many different levels.

You are the hope of your family who have worked hard to provide for your education.

You are the hope of your nation which invested in this wonderful institution.

You are the hope of the Ummah, an educated Muslim who will be an unofficial ambassador of Islam everywhere you go, so please represent your faith well.

You are also the hope of humanity, as Allah Ta'ala says:

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ ۗ ... (آل عمران 110)

You are the best of nations that has been sent forth to humanity, you (wisely) command goodness and (wisely) advise against wrongdoing and you believe in Allah.

Have no doubt, that as long as your faith in Allah is strong to the extent that you implement His guidance in your life, then you have a duty to all humanity, "Lilnaass" means to all people, not just for Muslims, you have "Alkhayr" of Islam for all lifeforms, not just people, even more, you are the best of people not just when it comes to human rights and animal rights, but also for the environment. The condition to stay in the lead is to believe in Allah and wisely enjoin goodness and wisely speak up and speak out against wrongdoing.

Also have no doubt, that your feet will not move on the day of judgement until you are asked about four:

لا تزول قدما عبد يوم القيامة حتى يسأل عن أربع: عمره فيم أفناه؟ وعن علمه فيم فعل؟ وعن ماله من أين اكتسبه؟ وفيم أنفقه؟ وعن جسمه فيم أبلاه؛ رواه الترمذي، وهو صحيح

How did you spend your life, what did you do with your education, how you earned your wealth and how you spent it and what you did with your body.

To the teachers, I thank you for dedicating your lives to provide open the treasures of knowledge to your students, your service is of tremendous value and your contributions to the knowledge base of our students is a great service to humanity.

For the students, you are the energy that will power this world, make sure that you control this energy with the controls given to you by Allah, Ta'ala and that you make all the best offerings for a better world.

Remember, your Tahajjud between the hands of Allah at night will help you see through the deceptions of this world and make better choices, keep in your mind the words of Allah from the start of the Khutba:

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