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THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH (SWT)

The Almighty says,

“O you who believe! Remember ME (Zikr e Ism e Zaat Allah Hu) with much Remembrance.”
33-13 Surah
Ahzaab

“Therefore Remember ME, I will Remember you. Give thanks to ME and do not reject faith.”
2-152 Surah
Baqarah

“Remember ALLAH by the Sacred monument. Remember HIM as HE has guided you.”
2-198 Surah
Baqarah

“And when you have completed your devotions, then Remember ALLAH as you remember your fathers or with a more lively Remembrance.” 2-200 Surah
Baqarah

“Remember ALLAH through the appointed days.” 2-203 Surah
Baqarah

“And when you are again in safety, Remember ALLAH, as He has taught you that which you knew not.” 2-239 Surah
Baqarah

“Remember (O Zakariyya AS) your Lord much, and praise HIM in the early hours of the night and morning.” 2-41 Surah Aal
e Imran

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“And when you have performed the act of worship, Remember ALLAH, standing, sitting, and reclining (when asleep).”
4-103 Surah Nisaah

“And you (Muhammad SAWW) do Remember the LORD within yourself humbly and with awe, below your breath, at morn and evening. And be you (believers) not of the neglectful.”
7-205 Surah Al Araaf

“O you who believe! When you meet an army, hold firm and Remember ALLAH much, that you may be successful.”
8-245 Surah Anfaal

“And Remember your LORD when you forget.”
8-24 Surah Kahf

“Establish prayer for MY Remembrance.”
20-14 Surah Ta Ha

“And slacken not in MY Remembrance.”
20-42 Surah Ta Ha

“O you who believe! Let not your wealth nor your children distract you from Remembrance of ALLAH.”
63-9 Surah Munafiqun

“So Remember the name of your LORD (and whilst doing this) devote yourself with a complete devotion.”
73-8 Surah Muzzammil

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“Remember the name of your LORD at morn and evening.” 76-25 Surah Al Insaan

“And those who, when they do an evil thing or wrong themselves, Remember ALLAH and implore forgiveness for their sins.” 3-135 Surah Aal e Imran

“Such as remember ALLAH, standing, sitting, and reclining, and consider the creation of the heavens and the earth.” 3-191 Surah Aal e Imran

“Men whom neither merchandise nor sale beguiles from the remembrance of ALLAH and constancy in prayer and paying zakah.” 24-37 Surah Noor

“And when the prayer is ended, then disperse in the land and seek of ALLAH’s bounty and Remember Allah much, that you maybe successful.” 62-10 Surah Jumah

“Except those who believe and do good deeds, and remember ALLAH much, and vindicate themselves after they have been wronged.” 26-227 Surah Shaa-ira

“Verily in the Messenger of ALLAH you have a good example for him who looks unto ALLAH and the Last Day, and remembers ALLAH much.” 33-21 Surah Ahzaab

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“ALLAH has revealed the most beautiful message in the form of a Book, consistent with itself, (yet) repeating (its teaching in various aspects). The skin of those who fear their LORD tremble, then their skin and their hearts do soften to the remembrance of ALLAH.” 39 -23
Surah Zumr

“Is not the time ripe for the hearts of those who believe to submit to ALLAH’s reminder (Zikr)?” 57-16 Surah
Hadeed

“And Remembers the name of his LORD, so prays.” 87-15 Surah Al
Aalaa

“Recite you what has been Revealed to you of the Book and establish you the Salat; verily Salat forbids indecency and dishonor. And the remembrance of Allah is the greatest (act). And Allah Knows what you perform.” 29:45 Surah
Ankabooth

“Who have believed and whose hearts have rest in the Remembrance of ALLAH. Verily in the Remembrance of ALLAH do hearts find rest.” 13-28 Surah
Raad

“And men who guard (their modesty), and women who guard (their modesty), and men who remember ALLAH much and women who Remember.... ALLAH has prepared for them forgiveness and a vast reward.” 33-35 Surah
Ahzaab

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“And obey not him whose heart WE have made heedless of OUR Remembrance, who follows his own lust and whose case has been abandoned.” 18-28
Surah Kahf

“Those whose eyes were hoodwinked from MY Reminder (call to Zikr) and who could not bear to hear.” 18-101
Surah Kahf

“But he who turns away from Remembrance of ME, his will be a narrow life, and I shall bring him blind to the assembly on the Day of Resurrection.”

20-124 Surah Ta

Ha

“But you treated them with ridicule until they made you forget Remembrance of ME, while you laughed at them.” 23-10 Surah
Mominun

“Then woe unto those whose hearts are hardened against the Remembrance of ALLAH. Such are in plain error.” 39-22 Surah
Zumr

“And if anyone withdraws himself from the Remembrance of the Beneficent, WE assign unto him a devil who becomes his (constant) comrade.” 43-56 Surah
Zukhruf

“Then withdraw from him (O Muhammad SAWW) who flees from OUR Remembrance and desires but the life of the world.”
53-29 Surah Najm

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“And whoever turns away from the Remembrance of his LORD, HE will thrust him into ever-growing torment.” 2-17
Surah Jinn

“The devil has engrossed them and so has caused them to forget Remembrance of ALLAH. They are the devil’s party. Is not the devil’s party who will be the losers?” 58 - 19 Surah Mujaadah

“Keep yourself patiently along with those who call upon their LORD morning and evening, seeking His goodwill. Do not turn your eyes away from them, desiring the glamour of the worldly life. Do not follow him whose heart WE have made neglectful of our Remembrance.” 18-28 Surah Kahf

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Prophet Moses (AS) : “O Almighty, it gives me great joy and happiness in being he who is highest in rank amongst your Creation that engages in your Remembrance, and I am extremely thankful for this blessing and humbled before YOU.”

Almighty ALLAH (SWT) : “O Moses (AS), caste your staff on the earth before you upon which you stand.”

As soon as the staff touched the ground, Prophet Moses (AS) heard the thundering reverberations of Zikr e Illahi that all botanical and mineral (rock/stones) life were perennially engaged in. Not another minute had passed when the thundering Zikr grew louder as he heard all animal life also engaged in Zikr e Illahi.

Almighty ALLAH (SWT) : “O Moses (AS), caste thy staff once again.”

As the staff struck the earth it split open and a fountain gushed forth. Prophet Moses (AS) is commanded again by The Almighty to caste his staff on the water gushing out from the earth. As soon as the staff touched the water, Prophet Moses (AS) saw a large black stone emerge. The Almighty’s command came once again, to now caste his staff upon the black stone, and as soon as the staff touched the black stone, it split open revealing a small black worm like insect next to a tiny fresh green flower sapling which was meant for its provision. Astonishingly to Prophet Moses (AS), the worm like insect was feverishly busy, engaged in Zikr e Illahi (Remembrance of Allah SWT). Prophet Moses (AS) stood and watched in amazement for a very long time, and finally interrupted the insect and asked it why it does not partake in what is provided for him by The Almighty?

The insect respectfully replied, “Ya Kaleem ALLAH (SWT)! Had you not been the Regal Vicegerent of our time, I would never have bothered replying to you. To answer your question; this provision has been here for the last 350 years, and I do not partake of it for the fear that whilst I am busy filling my stomach, death may creep up upon me

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suddenly and whilst I am busy eating I would be neglectful of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT). I tremble with fear to think that my name will be included with those who will be called the Neglectful (Ghaafileen)."

This reply left the mighty Messenger of ALLAH (SWT) astonished. He recalled how he had witnessed all the trees, plants, flowers, birds, insects, and animals dedicated to the uninterrupted and sincere Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT), Prophet Moses (AS) praised The Almighty and concluded that out of all of ALLAH (SWT) creation, it is only Mankind that is truly neglectful of HIS Remembrance.

ALLAH (SWT) so dislikes those who are Neglectful of HIS Remembrance that he has warned the believers in the Holy Quran,

"And you (Muhammad SAWW) do Remember the LORD within yourself humbly and with awe, below your breath, at morn and evening. And be you (believers) not of the neglectful." 7 - 205 Surah Al Araaf

In a Hadith e Qudsi, ALLAH (SWT) says,

"The moment that you Remembered ME, is the moment that you confessed your gratitude (Shukr) to me; and the moment that you were neglectful of my Remembrance, is the moment in which you committed an act of Kufr, for being thankless (Kufran e Naimat) is also an act of Kufr (State of a disbeliever).

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On the topic of Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT), 5th Sultan ul Faqr Sultanul Arifeen Hazrat Sakhi Sultan Haq Bahu Sarkar Pak says,

“Jo dum ghaafil, Saw dum kaafir, Sunnu Murshid ai pardhaya HU!”

Translated loosely,

“Any breath absent from the Zikr (Remembrance) of ALLAH (SWT), is a 100 breaths taken in Kufr! This is what my Murshid taught me!”

In a Bukhari Shareef Hadith, they who are mindful of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) are considered living and they who are neglectful are considered the walking dead. Their bodies are alive however their hearts are dead as they are neglectful of the Zikr (Remembrance) of ALLAH (SWT).

It is proven from the traditions of the Chosen of God (Auliya), death and annihilation only comes to those plants/flowers and rocks/stones that become neglectful of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT). When animals become neglectful of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) they become food for other predators.

Therefore, do not be of those who are neglectful of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT). ALLAH (SWT) says in the Holy Quran,

“Recite you what has been Revealed to you of the Book and establish you the Salat; verily Salat forbids indecency and dishonor. And the remembrance of Allah is the greatest (act). And Allah Knows what you perform.” 29 - 45 Surah Ankabooth

Zikr is enjoined here as the most superior with reference to reciting and the Salat because Zikr is the moving spirit behind both.

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The Holy Prophet (SAWW) describes a person who is mindful of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) dwelling amongst those who are neglectful as a prosperous tree in an arid desert; as a lone brave and valiant warrior engaged in Jihad surrounded by kinfolk who flee the battlefield.

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) is quoted, "ALLAH (SWT) is with him who's lips move in HIS Remembrance."
And,

"Out of all the acts performed by the children of Adam (AS), there is no other act greater in helping to avert ALLAH (SWT) wrath than HIS Zikr."

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) graded the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) - Zikr e Illahi - superior to all worship. Hadhrat Abu Sa'eed Khudri (RAU) records his conversation with the Holy Prophet (SAW), "I asked him what type of worship would be held in the highest esteem on the Day of Judgment?"

He replied. "Those who constantly Remember ALLAH (SWT) will be the most esteemed ones." I sought a clarification whether they would also surpass the one who strives in the way of Allah. He replied: "If the said striver wields his sword against infidels till it breaks and is himself besmeared with blood, even then those who remember Allah would surpass him." Kitab az Zikr p: 19

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The Holy Prophet (SAWW) was asked by the Companions (Sihaaba Kiraam - RAU) to highlight which deed will be held in the highest esteem by ALLAH (SWT) on the Day of Judgment, to which he replied,

"When your time of death is upon you, that your tongue is diligently engaged in the (Zikr e Illahi) Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT)."

(Zikr e Illahi) The Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) is superior to both physical and fiscal worship. Hadhrat Abu Dardah (RAU) quotes the Holy Prophet (SAWW): "Should I not inform you of the most virtuous deed, far superior and rewarding, which shall raise you highest in His esteem, is better than spending gold and silver in His Cause, and is also preferable to waging war against infidels The Companions (RAU) replied that they would be honored to know it. The Holy

Prophet (SAW) is reported to have said, "Zikr (The Remembrance) of ALLAH (SWT) is by far the best deed." Kitab az-Zikr P: 20

On another occasion The Holy Prophet (SAWW) is quoted saying: "Between He who is busy in the distribution of Dinars and Dirhams and he who is constantly engaged in the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT), the latter's station will be greater in the eyes of ALLAH (SWT)."

The Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) said: Uzkurrullahu hatta yaqulu majnun "Remember Allah Ta'ala as much as you want, until people say that you are crazy and foolish"

(Narrated by Ahmad in his Musnad, Ibn Hibban in his Sahih, and al-Hakim who declared it sahih); that is: do not care about them!

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The Holy Prophet (SAWW) educated the Companions (RAU) about Zikr e Illahi in the following Hadith:

"ALLAH (SWT) says that when MY servant Remembers me in his heart, I Remember him in MY heart. When My servant Remembers me in a gathering, I Remember him in a gathering better than his. As MY servant comes closer to ME by the length of a hair, I come closer to him by the length of a cubit. And when MY servant walks towards ME, I run towards him."

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) is reported to have said:

"Be resolute in recitation of the Quran and Allah's Zikr. In return you will be remembered in the heavens and it will be a source of light for you on earth." This Hadith is in the form of a wish which the Holy Prophet-SAW expressed to one of his Companions, Abu Zar Ghaffari-RAU. The recitation of the Quran and Zikr are mentioned with a conjunction, establishing their separate entities.

Zikr is the Believer's Fortress The Holy Prophet-saw once addressed his Companions (RAU): "I command you to constantly remember Allah. It will provide

you protection like a fortress to a fugitive pursued by a fast moving enemy. Likewise, Zikr is the only effective refuge against the onslaughts of the devil.”

There is another tradition in which the Holy Prophet (SAWW) mentioned, “Every human (Nafs) at the time of death is stricken with the feeling of an unquenchable thirst, except for the souls of those who are constantly engaged in the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT).”

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In another tradition,

“The dwellers of paradise will be free from envy and regret, except for those moments that they did not engage in the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT).”

At the time of death, Shaitaan lifts the veil of ignorance from the forehead of every human being. By the lifting of the veil, all reality dawns upon the dying. As soon as this happens, the dying automatically wants to quickly engage in Praise and Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT), but this will not be allowed. At that time will they have a towering regret for each and every moment spent in neglect of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT).

In another tradition,

“The residents of Paradise will constantly communicate their regret to one another about the time that they spent neglectful of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) and their most powerful desire will be to have one more chance to come to Earth and spend all of their time in the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT). But that opportunity is only given once.

Hazrat Baba Bulleh Shah Sarkar expresses this beautifully in this quatrain ;

“Utth gard-aa-rdey maar nahin, Aiyoh so(r)n teray darkaar nahin.
Kithey hai Sultan Sikander? Maut na chaddey pir peghumber.
Sunmbhul Sunmbhul qaddam takka-eein, phir aavan dooji waar nahin.
Utth gard-aa-rdey maar nahin, Aiyoh so(r)nd teray darkaar nahin.”

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Hazrat Sultanul Arifeen Sakhi Sultan Haq Bahoo Sarkar Pak informs us in his book Noor ul Huda, "It should be enough for you to realize the truth, for on your left is your eternal enemy (Nafse Ammaara), and on your right the Shaitaan lay in ambush at all times. Combined, you are in a constant state of siege and attack. Having such dangerous enemies in perennial attack from your left and right, then what use will your dreams and debates be? Be warned! The Angel of Death lurks behind you, waiting for the appointed time when it will seize the life out of you without notice!"

The solution is presented by the Holy Prophet (SAWW) in the following instruction, "Mootu qabla antamootu!" translated literally as Die before you die. He explained that this means to picture yourself on the Day of Judgment standing in front of your Maker to account for your deeds. Try and feel the regret for each and every moment you spent in neglect of HIS Remembrance. Your only wish would be only if you were given one more chance and sent back into this world, you would spend each and every waking and sleeping moment immersed in the Remembrance of (ALLAH SWT). Now, live your life, ensuring that wish is deeply embedded in your soul, then you will engage in the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) that reflects this state of mind and in time when the actual time of your death does come upon you, you will be amongst the successful.

This is our message to all of our brothers in sisters to keep yourselves immersed in the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT) with all your heart and pass on this message to all your brothers and sisters who are not conscious of the importance of the Remembrance of ALLAH (SWT). With the Nisbat e Rusool e Karim Nabi Pak Salle Allahu Alehi Wa Aalehi Wassallum, May ALLAH (SWT) accept this small effort on our part Aameen.