

IT IS JUST A THOUGHT

Jannah vs Jahannam vs Dunya

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Versus

Husband, Wife, Kids, Money & Material Life

From the title we can see that there are too many issues in one too many places. We are supposed to be believers... but believers of what, and believers of whom? What is the most beloved thing to us? What is it that occupies most of our thoughts, our thinking, our desires and our love? What do we desire for most in our hearts? What is the one thing that we truly believe in?

I remember when I was working for my company; I believed in my company and the products of my company. I never saw a company better than mine. I was so happy and I loved being there. I believed the constitution that it was built in. I liked the way I was treated.

When I used to visit different companies, some of the managers liked me and they offered me a position in their company... they wanted me to leave my job and work for them. I used to say no... I am comfortable and happy and I love my company. They tried persuading me by offering me more money, more vacation time

and they even told me that my future with them will be much more secure and fruitful than my current position and they explained why.

When I used to go to buy a product from a store and later on if I passed by another one the new store would try to persuade me to be their customer. I used to travel a lot and I have met many women with many beautiful qualities and each one would try to persuade me about how she can be a better wife and they would ask me to leave my wife and go for a better one. The same with the car, the house and location etc. This is the challenge that human beings have to always face; always on the lookout for the best.

We always want the best place, the most beautiful environment, the most beneficial companion, job, business, who can give us the best opportunity, money, future and the best kind of job that we can love and feel comfortable with. Now stop for a moment and think, are we believers? If yes, what are we Believers of?

Are we lovers? If yes, what are we lovers of? Are we intelligent, always searching for the best that can benefit us; companion wise, location wise, environment or job wise?

Even if it so, are our thoughts for all of these questions short term or long term? Do we plan systematically to achieve or to gain, something we love and something can benefit us? We as human

beings, always go for what we believe is good for us, things that will benefit us, is desirable for us, and is beloved to our hearts. This generates a feeling, a will, and strength, until we achieve it, because we believe in it.

Take for example a man or a woman you meet. You believe in their quality, their beauty, their status and what you can gain from them, (this of course varies from person to person) and it generates a strong feeling. This feeling keeps increasing until you engage in a relationship with the person. Apply this to a car, a piece of land, residence, even a piece of food...

Now let's stop for a moment or for an hour and just think. Yesterday something happened to me. I was watching, listening and engaging with too many people and I could feel it. Maybe just one or two had a stable personality from at least a hundred that I had met and the rest were completely unstable. I thought to myself; why? I said to myself *Subhaan Allah*, Allah speaks the truth. What happens when human beings reach the level of "lost"? I look at the eyes and I see that they are lost. I look at the movement of their heads and I see that they are defeated. I can sense that their will, is almost nonexistent. The majority of the people I met were extremely weak. I cannot describe how weak they were. And I realized that I knew why they were like that.

Firstly, it is because of a lack of a defined goal. Meaning; they have no defined belief, which means that they have no defined desire, no defined will, which will ultimately result in them going nowhere. I was looking at where I was and I saw a big pillar supporting the ceiling. Why does the pillar exist? It exists to carry the ceiling. Look at any house. No house is without a pillar.

The stronger and bigger the pillar, the bigger and stronger the house and the more people it can carry. It can be useful for a lot of things. All of a sudden it hit me. The people in front of me were lost, confused, indefinite of their status, and unstable. They keep going back and forth. Maybe they are strong for a while... for 5, 10, or 15 minutes, or for half an hour, one hour, or even a day. But I don't think they last more than that. They will ultimately go back to the defeated status. I was wondering why... Why do I, you and the majority of us go back and forth? Why we are not stable? Why cannot we be achievers? Why we always complaining? Why are we weak? Why cannot we carry on with a job? And the list goes on...

When an engineer designs a building; one of the questions he asks the one who wants it built is, what is he going to use the building

for and how many occupants it will have etc. This is done so that everything is set accordingly; the places, the amount and the strength of the pillars. According to the layout of the future building and according to how many people will occupy it, the engineer has to secure the building with enough pillars and a strong base to carry it on so that it will be able to handle the pressure of future activity.

Are you a thinker? Imagine you are without a pillar or your pillar is very weak. How can you carry on? How can you handle pressure?

If we are believers, what are we believers of? Do we have a pillar? What do we have pillars of? How big and how strong is our pillar? Our pillar is our belief. It is the one that allows us to carry on, to open the doors of activity that can be done in a safe and secure manner in the house, in the building and in our hearts.

Think about your heart as a house; the one that will carry on all of the activity; the one that cares about all the daily activity, actually the activity that happens throughout the whole of your life.

It will carry all of the pressure, and the large amount of people in and out. Think about it as a building. Now imagine a building with just one pillar all the way in the middle. Do you ever see a

building like that? No corner and no supporting pillar. Or did you ever see a building with no pillars at all with the roof just hanging in the air?

As I discuss with you I remember my Islam. And I remember what Abdullah Ibn Abbas (ra) said: “Everything has to have a pillar and the pillar of the *deen* of Allah is *La Ilaha Illa Allah* (there is no God but Allah). The pillar of *la ilaha illa Allah* is the Qur’an and the pillar of the Qur’an is the name of Allah (swt).

Why does a building shake? Once a building shakes, the department of safety has to demolish it. They will state that the building is unsafe and will collapse anytime. The pillars will crack, the foundation will shake and the building will fall to the ground.

On the other hand when you go to Japan; Because of all of the earthquakes and the amount of pressure, they invest a lot into the engineering and design of pillars and they make sure the building has a secure pillar that can take care of everything. If you ask me, today we are bankrupt of an existing pillar. If we have a real pillar, a very strong pillar, we will able to elevate and rise up a beautiful building; a building that can carry on a lot of activity and can handle a loads of pressure. And this by the way can only be done if we think ahead and have belief, desire, and a love to achieve.

The building can benefit us and return an income and it will generate revenue that can make us live comfortably or we can plan to stay with all of the activity and with our beloved family in this future building. Did you think so far about the future building of your heart, the one that can lead you to the residence of *Jannah* (heaven) or *Jahannam* (Hell)? Do you ever think about preparing, developing and raising a building? It will give you joy, peace, tranquility and benefit you to gain happiness and security and give you a beautiful future to generate an activity that can benefit you and others.

Look at the doctor's office, how big is it? Look at a clinic, how big is it? Look at a hostel, how big is it? Look at the activity of each one of them. The more the activity, the bigger the building. The bigger the foundation, the bigger the pillar.

Did you ever think about who you are? What your role in life is? Let's go back to the word 'belief'. No child; young boy or girl, man or woman cannot not tell you about the five pillars of Islam. Why do you think Prophet Muhammad (saw) call them pillars?

Then you have what is called the six articles of faith. Let's go back to the building again. If we have faith in our project for our future building; the stronger our faith, the bigger and advanced

engineering firm to design our future building we go to. Therefore if our faith is concrete and strong, we will make all efforts to develop the pillars. Once we develop the pillar our building can rise up.

Now ask yourself, why am I shaking? Why do I have uncertainty? Why do I have no pillars? Why do I have no faith? Ultimately you have to ask yourself why you have no building. Why do I have no future goal? All of the above mean, you have no belief. Does this make sense? Do we know who we are? Do we know our goal in life?

Again, what happens if we are already lost? Can we go to an engineer and tell him we want a hospital but we are going to spend 10 rupees to build it or we want a clinic and we are willing to spend one lack on it or we want a doctor's office and we are willing to spend ten lacks on it or we want a bathroom and we are willing to spend million lacks on it? For the hospital that will have a lot of future activity and we, with our goal and our business are willing to spend just the bare minimum... NO WAY!

It will never happen. Now when you look at us today. Our *Dunya* versus our *Akhira*. The noble and blessed job and title Allah gave us; the one can that can lead us to carry on all of the activity, to benefit us and mankind and lead us to the revenue of blessing and

reward in this life and hereafter which is *Jannah*; For this we are doing, giving and spending the bare minimum! But for our destruction, loss, slavery to *dunya* and *Jahannam*, we are giving, doing, spending, loving and scarifying the maximum!

After all this we ask ourselves, why we are shaking... Imagine we get a big refrigerator or a small building and we put a toothpick as pillar and we want the building to rise up, will it happen? You have the answer, I need not answer you. Even if we go to a mental institute and we meet some of the crazy people in there and tell them; let's build a building but I have just a toothpick as a pillar, they will agree because they are crazy but do you know what will happen? The moment we start the work and put a little bit of weight over the toothpick, the toothpick will break and the crazy people will laugh at us. They will wave at us and say, "Look he's crazy".

Look at us. The believers, the sophisticated, educated, the 'oh so arrogant'... we believe we are very sophisticated right... If you have a certificate from the mental institute that certifies you as mentally disabled, crazy and unstable and you go to a mental institute, the crazy people will watch your behavior and you will be rejected. Because you will exceed all levels of craziness. Something is deeply wrong with you.

Who are we? Why are we not stable? Why are we hesitant? Why are we weak? Why can't we achieve? Why are we not defined individuals? Why are we not normal? Because we are not believers.

Now let me be honest with you. All of what you have read before needs a solid ground to put the pillars that can carry the building. The solid ground is your belief. If your belief is strong, the pillar is strong, the building is strong and the activity will take place very soon.

All of the above is just a thought. Let me give you a pre-requisite for any defined believer, love and desire to be and willing to have, a will to be.

1. Reflect, think, and go back to 'Introduction To The Names Of Allah'. Because you need to think, have thoughts and reflections.
2. If you have come to a conclusion and if you want guidance and if you seek it, He will guide you.
3. After Allah guides you, He wants you to value His guidance and make the maximum effort to safe guard and nourish this tree of guidance.

4. You have to do the utmost, the maximum, if you are a believer. The more you do the more you give, the more you spend and the more you receive.
5. Now your time, money, thinking, desire, love, and everything will be for whom? For your guidance.
6. Now if you are honest, sincere and have truthfulness in your heart, you will run away from every environment that can cause weakness, shaking of your belief, cracks in your foundation and pillars of your belief. And you will run, willing to do and spend the maximum of your body, money, resources to stabilize your faith and guidance.
7. If you do all of the above, guidance will increase. Strength will increase, desire will increase, love will increase, will, will increase. Now you will develop, search and concrete on the pillars of your faith.
8. Now you are ready to raise the building. The future business for you in this life and hereafter.
9. Any wrong decision or swinging due to the environment or companionship will result in major cracks in the pillar and foundation that you just started which will be the cause of it's collapse before the work even starts on the pillar of your building.

Example:

How do you spend your time?

With whom do you spend your time?

Who is your most favorite companion and why?

If you are not married, who would you want your future husband or wife to be?

What kind of decision making for education, business any daily or future activity will you make.

There is no way you will stabilize yourself unless you stabilize the environment and your surroundings to be able to put the pillar. Refer to any engineering handbook about building a foundation. It is the same. We have the best tool to develop all of the above i.e. the Qur'an. The one containing the map to go back to where you are coming from i.e. heaven.

All of the above is only for those who want to believe, call themselves a believer, and stabilize themselves once and for all. Develop strength and say *Bismillah Tawakaltu A'la Allah* (In the name of Allah and in Allah I place my trust) and go forward to build block by block...pillar by pillar until the building is secure, strong, and it can carry all the activities and pressure to achieve the

final chapter, the final destination, the one you built by your own hands.