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OF LIFE

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THIS
EASY WAY

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“Worship God, for none else deserves your worship” is the simplest solution to our life riddle. The whole trouble results from our worshipping everything else other than God.

And why should we worship God? Because He is our Master, our Creator and Provider. *That* none else is.

And how could worshipping God solve our world problems—our racial, political and religious differences, questions of economic inequality, world population explosion, the spectre of universal poverty, and so on?

Nothing easier, dear people, if we faithfully worship Him. We have only to learn how to worship God faithfully and these and like problems remain no more difficult or insoluble.

“Worship” is the act of showing one’s extreme love and reverence, doing one’s utmost to please, and implicitly obeying, the object of one’s worship.

Unless God becomes this high in our mind, and until we cut off all our loves, hopes and fears from everyone else and link them up with and for Him, we cannot claim to worship Him—much less faithfully. Since none or nothing else is remotely equal to God in being Perfect, Supreme and Powerful in every way, it is but natural that we should so worship Him, Alone Unmixed.

After appreciating this basic truth, it is easy to find the solution to our world problems.

NUMBER ONE : DIFFERENCES

Take the problem of racial, political and religious differences. It can be easily seen that all these differences arise only because all human beings are not one on the most basic need of One God worship. For in spite of their different colors, countries, languages and communities, God has created all human beings the world over as perfect equals.

Should they all become faithful worshippers of God, they are bound to love each other most fervently in spite of their racial differences. It is because they are divided upon this universal creed of mankind, and not because they belong to different races, that they become divided among themselves. In its absence they are bound to differ, even though they belonged to any one single race.

Political schools and creeds grow owing to ideological differences on sociology, economics and government, appearing in the forms of socialism, nationalism, republics, democracies, autocracies, capitalism, communism, colonialism, etc.

Should people unite on the one main issue of One God worship, most of these political differences would disappear, and even if they remain, there would hardly remain any room for violent conflicts on this ground, just as on the racial level.

As regards religious differences among great world communities, no difference is foreseeable if the principle of One God worship is universally adopted.

For all the world religions have unanimously professed and preached this basic idea throughout the ages. It is the deviation from this simple and pure creed, in some form or another, that has produced such a multitude of opposing religious groups.

In fact there is no known recipe to cement all the heterogeneous human elements into one solid fraternity and brotherhood than the acceptance and practice of worshipping faithfully the One Creator God of the universe.

NUMBER TWO : INEQUALITIES

The most vexed problem of economic inequality and equal distribution of wealth can be similarly solved to our perfect satisfaction if we are fortunate enough to worship our All-wise God.

Clearly, modern man, with his breathtaking advance in political economy and other sciences, could not so far evolve any satisfactory solution to this burning question. Rather this has divided the present generation into two distinct groups verged on the point of entering a nuclear war of annihilation.

This economic chaos is one of the many disorders into which mankind has plunged itself by refusing to own its God and become His sole worshippers.

The whole matter is extremely simple. Just as He is the direct Creator, God is also the sole Controller of the world and world affairs. With profound wisdom He provides livelihood to His creatures on earth, and has provided an unflinching system for its distribution among them.

Human affairs cannot work smoothly

without creating classes of the rich and the poor, the employee and the employed. Both of them must interdepend upon each other, so that both capital and labour might be available to carry out man's civic needs. Any attempt to alter their balance would invite trouble. The Book God has sent for the guidance of His true worshippers from the entire humanity, and not for any particular community as such, clearly lays down this golden rule of practical economics in the following words :

“Is it they who apportion their Lord's mercy? We have apportioned among them their livelihood in the life of the world, and raised some of them above others in rank that some of them may take labour from others” (Q. 43 : 32).

Though capital is thus allowed in the divine scheme, God does not want it to become hoarded either. Thus of spoils of war He says :

“That which God giveth as spoil unto His messenger from the people of the townships, it is for God and His messenger (i.e. for the state) and for the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, that it become not a commodity between the rich among you” (Q. 59 : 7).

He imposes upon the rich the giving of alms as a duty thus :

“The alms are only for the poor and the needy, and those who collect them, and those whose hearts are to be reconciled, and to free the captives and the debtors, and for the cause of God, and (for) the wayfar-

ers: a duty imposed by God. God is Knower, Wise." (Q. 9 : 60).

Equal distribution of wealth is an unworkable dream, as found out after various experiments by different schools of veteran economists. With unequal distribution as an inevitable necessity, when the rich begin to care for the needs of the poor, as stated above, both the rich and the poor can live in perfect amity and cooperation with each other. For the rich will show their love to the poor in giving them alms, i.e. financial aid, while the poor shall love the rich in receiving such aid.

Riches will thus be no bone of contention in society, if worship of God becomes the supreme consideration of humanity. They will vie with each other in surpassing in the better and better performance of that worship.

Since the ultimate aim of faithful worship of God Alone is the promotion of righteousness in mankind, everyone will attach the greatest value to the achievement of this virtue, instead of amassing material wealth. The standard of success being thus reversed, it will be possible for many a poor soul to excel his wealthy brother, the honour going to the most righteous irrespective of his material status.

Above all, with all other conceivable inequalities, people are bound to love each other because of their common bond of One God worship—the supreme unbreakable bond between all the individuals of human society. From this point of view, this creed is the greatest blessing with which God wants to favour mankind—a blessing which turns all the

people into true brothers and bosom friends.

NUMBER THREE : OVER-POPULATION

Another needless nightmare of the world today is the fear and worry of the terrific rate of population explosion which is running at present.

This is perhaps the most striking proof that humanity has strayed far from the sane path of God worship. For were they but to realise God's limitless powers of supply and provisions to His numberless creatures of all kinds throughout the universe, no one would ever despair of getting his apportioned livelihood every moment during his appointed life-time.

He clearly says : "And there is not a beast in the earth but the sustenance thereof dependeth on God. He knoweth its habitation and its repository" (Q. 11 : 6). Why, these are no empty words ; from the beginning of Creation to this day people have found, and are finding, this to be true to the letter.

The thing is, most people do not know what God is, far from becoming His faithful worshippers. See Him saying : "And there is not a thing but with Us are the stores thereof. And We send it not down save in appointed measure" (Q. 15 : 21). Even Science has found out that the sea and land hold inexhaustible stores of organic and inorganic wealth. But since no faith, no certainty.

Again it is not the people who create world population, but God is the Creator, who says : "Have ye seen that which ye emit? Do ye create it or are We the Creator?" (Q. 56 : 58-59).

And when He creates a creation, He can and does provide for it. We have nothing to worry about it. But we have to worry about whether we are worshipping Him, the Creator, or we are worshipping, instead, the matter He has created?

NUMBER FOUR: POVERTY

Let us finally take up the problem of problems, the spectre of world-wide poverty and how to fight it. In fact, with the majority of nations, this is so formidable a question that they would willingly pay any price in return for its easy solution.

Yet its solution poses no problem when considered in the context of a genuine undertaking to worship our God faithfully. Again you may ask how? Again the answer is this simple.

Poverty and prosperity are, in the final analysis, relative problems of the human mind. It is mostly the attitude of our mind that determines whether we are poor or affluent. One may have millions and yet dread poverty; another may be almost a pauper and feel self-sufficient.

When God alone is the giver of wealth and livelihood, Who loosens or tightens our belts at will, it needs only a child's logic to conclude that the Godless can never expect to be happy, either with or without money and means. Happiness and satisfaction can only come to a God-filled heart. Hence, faithful worship of our God is the only answer to this problem.

Given that we could command sufficient courage to face the situation squarely, it should become crystal clear that since we have totally forgotten God in this

age of science, technology and space travel, God has equally let us down. The constant crushing dread of poverty and population explosion has been intently imposed by Him upon us as a fit penalty for that act of high treason—His gross, criminal forgetfulness.

Otherwise, there is no dearth of wealth and plenty on God's good earth. But being a justly cursed people, visited by His wrath and displeasure, we can neither see His bounties, nor enjoy them with His grace and blessing. Like patients suffering from *limosis* (a morbidly ravenous appetite), we can never feel satiated from our hunger and greed.

But, a God with Mercy ever predominating His wrath, He is calling us, mother-like, to Himself, by making us taste this bitter pill as a reminder. In His Book He gives us His standing pledge which He never forfeits, in these burning words :

“But if there come unto you from Me a guidance, then whoso followeth My guidance, he will not go astray nor come to grief”,
just as His other pledge is equally true, saying :

“But he who turneth away from remembrance of Me, his will be a narrow life” (Q. 20 : 123-24).

What a narrow life, indeed !

It is entirely up to us, dear people, to get our accursed adversity changed into a benign blessing. We have simply to turn to Him penitent, and bow before Him prostrate in truly faithful surrender and worship, becoming righteous overnight. We can then surely reap the rich harvest of His most coveted promise :

“And whosoever keepeth his duty to God, God will appoint a way out for him. And will provide for him from (a quarter) whence he hath no expectation” (Q. 65 : 2-3).

RIGHTEOUSNESS :

This is how practice of One God worship solves these knotty problems with such simple ease. And yet, all this is a side issue of this divine creed, apart from its principal value. In its entirety, this creed will be found to be too comprehensive, infallibly perfect and far-reaching to be replaced by any other system of human conduct.

As a most outstanding merit, we cannot think of any other creed or conduct which could promote an equal degree of righteousness in the individual and the society. For it makes people God-fearing, and hence honest, true, selfless and trustworthy in every walk of life.

Such people can be equally free from social vices of bribery, corruption, fraud; or of thefts, burglaries, manslaughter; or of obscenity, adultery, lewdness; or of drinking, gambling, swindling; etc., etc.

No amount of legislation on earth can ever hope to curb these and other crimes, nor to build such sterling characters, this easy way.

TRANQUILITY :

Since it is impossible for human beings to obtain their much-needed solace of heart and peace of mind except by returning to and remembering their Creator God, Who alone deserves their faithful worship, this creed comes to us as God's rarest blessing.

For if we miss this most vital rest and happiness, we must rove about in the desolate wastes of grief, sorrow, agony and torture, and might perhaps end in hallucination, madness, or even suicide. Nothing in this wide world could ever afford us a haven of peace, accord, harmony and tranquility except our Lord's regular remembrance.

In short, besides other things, the creed of One God worship opens for us an actual heaven on earth. Inversely, its absence opens before us a veritable hell here on earth.

DEATH AND AFTER :

It is also impossible for us to get a true picture of what happens to us after our death without adopting true worship of God as our right course in this short life on earth. God has indeed created us, not to lead a worthless animal life here and then quit scot-free, but in order to lead an everlasting life of bliss and happiness in the wonderful abode called "Paradise" after quitting this life.

Adopting God-worship as our goal in life rewards us with the certain knowledge and faith that a matchless Afterlife awaits us after death. This faith is followed by a sweet death on earth, and a hero's welcome just after that death. As opposed to this, should we deny God and His unmixed faithful worship, we must face a most horrible death here, and an eternally roasting "Hell" there.

In the absence of that knowledge and faith, all this might appear ridiculous and untrue. But if ^{we} found true and real when we die, ~~We~~ shall have no chance to redeem our grievous mistake.

NON-GOD-WORSHIP :

“Worship” means the human heart’s adoration of something great, beneficent or beautiful, which is quite a natural instinct in man. As such, man cannot stop worshipping something or the other, while God Alone is faultlessly the Most Perfect in all these Qualities.

Failing to worship God Alone, man is apt to worship everything else—wealth and position, power and kingdom, the opposite sex, his kith and kin, home and hearth, work and trade, science and technology. He might also wrongly worship saints and prophets, priests and monks, tombs and images.

Most of these things are essentials of life which man cannot help loving, liking and desiring. God Himself has made them for us, and with them he wants to test our love for Him. Our love for Him must always excell our love for everything else. This top extreme love for anything is called “worship”.

If, therefore, man does not become God-worshipper in the full sense, he is bound to worship something else, since worship he must. But worship of anything other than God is as infinitely harmful as it is logically wrong. It is, besides, as harmful in this life as it is in the next.

Non-God-worship is thus the greatest human failure and tragedy. The only way to save man from it is to call him back to One God worship. For that is the source of all sorts of conceivable good and happiness to him, as described. Satan or the Devil, man’s arch enemy, ever calls him to Non-God-worship, while his Merciful Lord calls him to His sole worship, leading him to heavenly happiness here and in the Hereafter.

ISLAM :

The above creed of One God worship forms the nucleus of God's true religion, which has been preached by every Prophet sent by God, since Adam, to guide humanity. It is the underlying principle behind every Divine Law comprising all religious works and tenets.

This basic principle of One God worship is called "Islam", or The Submission to God, as declared by God in these general words: "Lo! religion with God is The Surrender (to Him)" (Q. 3 : 19). Arabic for "The Surrender" is *al-Islam*.

"Islam" is also the proper name of the religion as preached by Muhammad, God's last Prophet, which underlines with great emphasis the vital principle of One God worship in particular. Although, ironically, present-day followers of Islam have, generally speaking, departed from that vital principle, forfeiting their claim to Islam. They stand, therefore, as much in need of going back to God's original religion of *al-Islam* as any other nation or people.

Thus Islam today deserves to be adopted by all the people of the world alike, irrespective of the so-called Muslims. Non-Muslims have certainly a greater chance today to become true "Muslims".

THE QUR'AN :

The same story goes with the Book of God known as the "Qur'an". It was also revealed to the last Prophet, Muhammad, the founder of Islam. Logically, the Muslims should have owned this living Bible on the subject of One God worship in its every detail. But alas, like Islam, they have, by their un-Qur'anic behaviour, almost forfeited

their claim to the Qur'an as well.

God, the Omniscient Author, knew well this contingency, and so has already said in this very Book addressed to Muhammad: "Those are unto whom We gave the Scripture and command and prophet-hood. But if these disbelieve therein, then indeed We shall entrust it to a people who will not be disbelievers therein... Say: I ask of you no fee for it. Lo! it is nothing else but a reminder for *all* mankind" (Q. 6 : 90-91).

In this clear prophecy God is referring to all the nations to come who will adopt this Book as their own as "a people who will not be disbelievers therein". And the highly enlightened nations of the West stand in the forefront of all the probable claimants to its infallible message. Of course, to be profitable, this has to be done in good faith, unlike many an Oriental scholar of the day.

Let them discover this hidden Treasure, put it into practice, and leave behind all those who could do no justice to it.

The opening quotation of this booklet, which solves the riddle of life in the modern age, is from this living Book, proving its message to be universally true. All the Big Prophets, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad have preached: "**Worship God, for none else deserves your worship**". They and their faithful followers did succeed. Why should we not today?

Lastly, "*None deserves worship except God; Muhammad is God's servant and Prophet*" fully corrects the notion that any Prophet could ever become God or His Son—temporal or spiritual.

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