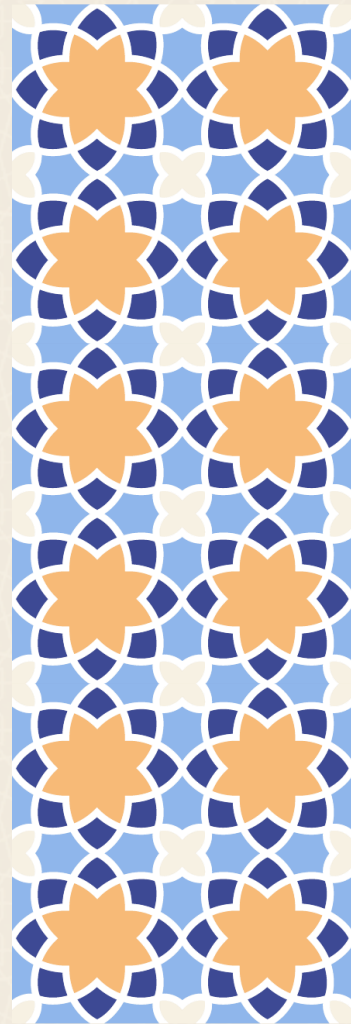




The Names of Allah Ta'ala

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Lesson 2

“Allah”

الله “Allah”

- Is definite and non-derivative i.e., not derived from any root word according to most scholars.
- Some scholars: it comes from the root letters أ ل ه but actually that would be the name الإله
- “Allah is the name for the true existent, the One who unites the attributes of divinity, is subject of the attributes of lordship, and unique in true existence.”
- Everything besides Allah Ta’ala has contingent existence as they came into existence by His will, whereas He is necessarily existing.

كَانَ اللَّهُ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْءٌ غَيْرُهُ (البخاري) كُلُّ شَيْءٍ هَالِكٌ إِلَّا وَجْهَهُ



الاسم الأعظم (The Greatest Name)

• إِذَا سُئِلَ بِهِ أُعْطِيَ وَإِذَا دُعِيَ بِهِ أَجَابَ (أبو داود)

- “When asked with this name He gives, and when supplicated by this name he answers.”
- Not exactly specified by the Prophet (s.)
- Found in: اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ أَيُّ شَهِدَ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْأَحَدُ الصَّمَدُ الَّذِي لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفْوًا أَحَدٌ and {وَالِهَكُمُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ and اللَّهُمَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْمَنَّانُ بَدِيعُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ and {وَالِهَكُمُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ} and {وَالِهَكُمُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ and {وَالِهَكُمُ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ}
- Imam Ghazali (r.): “Allah” is الاسم الأعظم for two reasons:
 - 1) It encompasses all of Allah Ta’ala’s qualities whereas other names only refer to one at a time.
 - 2) Other names can sometimes be used to describe others but this name can only ever refer to Him.



الله “Allah”

The relationship of a slave with this name:

- Be completely dedicated to Allah Ta’ala and not turn to anyone or anything other than Him with either fear or hope.
- This is by realizing through this name that He alone truly exists whereas everything else is worthless and will one day perish.
- To see oneself, first and foremost, as one day perishing.

• "أَصْدَقُ بَيْتِ قَالِهِ الشَّاعِرُ أَلَّا كُلُّ شَيْءٍ مَّا خَلَا اللَّهَ بَاطِلٌ".

- The Prophet (s.) said, "The truest verse of poetry ever said by a poet, is: Indeed! Everything except Allah, will perish." (Bukhari)
- Start any important act or matter with this name.

• كُلُّ كَلَامٍ أَوْ أَمْرٍ ذِي بَالٍ لَا يُفْتَحُ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ ، فَهُوَ أَبْتَرُ أَوْ قَالَ أَقْطَعُ (أحمد)

