

# The Only Opportunity for Us to Become a Real Human Being Is Here on Earth

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*Bismillah Al Rahman Al Rahim [In the name of Allah, The One Who Acts with Mercy, The Source of Mercy]. All praise belongs to Allah. Allah owns everything. All power belongs to Allah and not to us. May Allah's peace and blessings be on Prophet Muhammad and his family and on all the other prophets and their families.*

## When *nafs* is in control

Adjust your eyesight and your angle of looking at things in the world or into the world. What do you see in the world? You see that human beings have been put in charge of the world. Human beings are made of several parts. The main part is *nafs* [ego]. When *nafs* runs world leaders especially, or leaders of the community, then what kind of the world is it going to be? When you look at your community, what kind of community is it? If the person running the country is not dominated by his *nafs*, the decision will be good. If not, it won't be good. When *nafs* takes over, wisdom walks away, and then justice walks away. When fairness, justice and kindness walk away, other things walk in their place. Allah has put checks and balances in place for all creations, the world, you and your family. When you take kindness away, then harshness walks in and harshness has different actions and different priorities. When harshness walks in, there is no consideration for others and justice is not on the agenda. Fairness is not on the agenda. So you become nations that are harsh to one other. Your friends mean money to you. If you have friends, they will think, "What can you sell them?" They have no consideration as human beings and in human relationships.

I am supposed to paint a positive picture for you. How am I doing so far? Is it positive? When you look out, do you see positive or do you see negative? So what does it show?

## Good and evil, positive and negative

Allah said that this is planet Earth. Good and evil, positive and negative, they all exist together. There is no separation of power. If there is positivity, then there is negativity connected to it. You don't see it, but it is there. Or say, for example, you want to be a doctor. What's so negative about this? The negativity is that you have to spend years and years of education. That is the negative part of this. But is it really negative? You are learning something. If you are learning, it is positive. If you are wasting your time, it is negative. It depends on your angle. One thing you need to be sure of is that Allah is *Haqq*. *Haqq* is Just, True and Does The Right Thing. The whole thing is that on planet Earth, Allah lets us be free for a while and gives us the opportunity to better ourselves. When you look at this negativity, you see there are a lot of opportunities for us to get closer to Allah. This is the part I cannot emphasize enough for you. You cannot see the other side. I see the other side.

## The opportunity to be a real human being

After you die what happens? What is real? What is not real? And how important it is to be on this side and reach your maximum capacity as a human being. It is important to try to

reach your maximum capacity as a human being during your time on this side, on planet Earth. You have to do your best to earn this. You are the one who is going to do it. Allah is giving you the opportunity and providing the system. All you have to do is want to be a real human being. If you are listening to this, you have already made your choice. You are with me, with us. You are willing to be one of these people whom Allah call *insan-i kamil*. Look around you; you have the opportunity. If you want to learn patience, drive a car. If you want to have more patience, let your spouse drive. You want to learn to share? Get married. If that's not enough, have kids. Then you will understand what *Razzaq* [The Provider] is, what *Muqit* [The Caretaker] is. You will understand what *Rahman* and *Rahim* mean. You will have this love for your kids, this mercy that overrides everything. You give your money willingly. But some cultures are systematic. They don't give money or anything. They say, "You are 18. You are on your own." So there is different angle there. But there is still Allah's *Rahman* and *Rahim*. So, here is a world where you can exercise all the qualities that you want to have as a human being. You want to be adamant about justice? Go to court and you will find out how the justice system works. I see this as the world of opportunities.

When I first went to California, they said if you cannot make money here, you cannot make money anywhere else. So Earth is like that. If you cannot make yourself a human being here I don't think you can make it anywhere. You have all the opportunities and Allah is giving all the help you want.

And don't compare yourself with others who don't want to do it. We want to promote being a true human being in the world. That's what we are all about. We are not political. We are not judgmental; we don't judge anybody. Our target is ourselves and our group. Do we want to be mature human beings? This is our opportunity. Let's take it and go.

First let's start with each other. Show love and tolerance toward each other. Let's stop making assumptions and coming to conclusions before we know all the facts. That's one of the downfalls of unenlightened human beings. We need to assume, to quickly categorize things. But the real human being doesn't do that. He just waits, studies everything. Every case is a case on its own. You have to listen. Talk when you're asked. Help when you're asked. Don't push yourself over everybody. Tolerate everybody's opinion and the way they are living. We are not anybody's judge. Most of all, we are not Allah's judge. We cannot keep blaming Allah for everything. Our inner and outer selves have to be the same. Whatever you are thinking, you should reflect in your outer behavior. You have to see others' kids as your kids, others' mothers as your mothers, others' wives and husbands as your sisters and brothers.

Allah has given us so many opportunities to cleanse ourselves. Allah gave you life from His *Ruh*, from His Spirit, and then He gave you identity. He gave you right and wrong. He gave you willpower. He gave you power to do something when you don't have power. But what's happening? Then we start polluting Allah's *Ruh*. When we act in a way that He is not pleased with, we are polluting it. When we do things that He is pleased with, we are adding to the *Ruh* by making a connection and thickening our connection/bridge/rope to Allah.

Now, we make mistakes and we make up for it—we have to do cleansing. But in the end, if you have not cleansed yourself and if your rope to Allah is not big enough, then Allah starts cleaning His *Ruh*. Allah has a self-cleaning oven/heat/fire, which we call hell. Allah will clean one way or another because it is His property, His *Ruh*. You did not keep it clean

here, so you need a procedure like that in the hereafter, or if you don't care, then He will do it and you will feel the pain. A real human being tries or intends not to pollute his inner self. That's called dignity. Not pride but dignity. And if he does pollute his inner self, he tries to clean it. Allah has given us opportunities to do that. Either you clean or Allah cleans. When Allah cleans, you don't like it. For example, when you have a wound, you have to keep it clean. If not, Allah's forces get in—His microbes, etc. They do the cleaning.

May Allah help us to be real human beings. If you are my student, this is my goal and this is what we exhibit in the world. We want to be real human beings. That's it.

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