

Allah's Love in Different Perspectives

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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.

I would like to speak about Love—Allah's Love in different perspectives. Everything you see depends on perspective. What perspective are you looking from? What is your angle? What are your criteria? What are you looking for? What is your point of relativity? All these design what you see. That is why everybody has a different world. Although we are in the same physical plane, we see and feel with all of our five senses. We have a different world because our perspectives and our intentions are different. The best perspective is to look at things from Allah's perspective, if you can do it.

It is Allah who lives. The formula is very simple: how it should be and how it is; what Allah wants to teach and what you want to learn; how Allah wants to have a relationship and how you want it. The basic status is this—**Allah lives, you observe**. You observe and learn more about Allah in many different dimensions and directions, as much as He wants to share with you. That is why Allah is particular and special for each person. His intimacy with each person is not shared with other units of perception, reception and execution. You need to think about what Allah is saying here. I can see many angles here. So, you need to read again and again and think about it and learn.

Allah lives and we observe. As you observe Allah and get to know Allah more, then, according to your mental capacity, you enjoy Allah (which He wants—to be enjoyed), and then He loves you, and then you love Allah back. And that is where the subject starts. What is the love we are talking about? Is this a man-woman love? Is it person-to-person love? What is the nature of this love?

For example, you love your grandkids. Who is the doer? You! Who ends up with the action? The grandkids. This is a general way of doing things. For love to happen, there has to be an instigator and a giver of love. Who is really the Instigator and the Giver of Love? Allah. So when you say, "I love my grandkids," is this your love? No. Whose love is it? Allah's love. What are you experiencing? Is the target really your grandkids? Or living this love in you? You have to contemplate this love in you. That is Allah's *Wadud* attribute. You love your wife, husband or partner; it is not the same love. When you love somebody you want to be with them. But what is actually happening is that Allah is actually putting His love to share with you in yourself, and from the other side Allah is instigating it so that love can flow. Who is the Instigator? Allah. Who is the Giver? Allah. Who are you?

DO NOT BE A THIEF. When you claim somebody else's property as yours, then you are a thief. So, in reality, what is happening is that Allah's target is you, and if your target is not Allah then you will be blind. Allah says in *Qur'an-i Karim* [Generous Qur'an]: (*Sura Al-Isra* 17:72):

"If you are blind in this world you are going to be blind in the hereafter."

This does not mean physical blindness. Are you covering your eye? Are you wishing to open your eye? Are you after the truth or what you think should be the truth? What are you after? To

open your eye, you need to be objective. You need to be focused on the target. You have to have a connection for interaction.

You love your friends and you love certain objects. The nature of the love is different but it is still love. What is good for you? A moderate amount of anything you like. Allah says, “Do not hold back from what Allah gave you to enjoy.” Allah did not create us to prohibit us from having fun. Allah creates us to have fun and enjoy within these limits. But know that whatever is happening, you are having this experience with Allah. Allah gave you this experience to perceive and then understand and then fall in love with Him.

Ramadan advice

Ramadan is here. Those of you who can manage to fast should fast. If you cannot, you don't have to fast. If you are traveling, even every day, for more than 20 km away, you are traveling. You don't have to fast. Don't be a hero. You can pay or you can fast later. When you fast, do it for the right reason. This is an exercise for you to appreciate what Allah has been giving to you. It is the right time for you to see how gracious and generous Allah is. How much of what Allah does for us that we take for granted. Fasting is the exercise of not doing that. This is the exercise to think of other people who are not as lucky as you are. When you fast, don't get angry. You know when you fast your patience will be less. But if you want to fast properly, you shouldn't get angry.

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