

Prerequisites for Seeing the Truth

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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.

What are the prerequisites for seeing the Truth? I would like you to learn the “thinking process” first.

As human beings, we need to know why we need to choose the truth. The *aql* [rational mind; intellect] has to determine that the thing to do is to be after the truth, not to be after the false. Life should be based on the truth and not lies. Our *aql* [intellect; reasoning power] has to come up with the notion: “I have to base this life on the truth.” This will bring you to the intention: “I would like to be after the Truth.” You need to have the strong desire to be after the truth and nothing but the truth.

After you realize that you need to be after the truth, the next step is how to recognize the truth. This is the tricky part. What can override our recognition of the truth is inculcation. Commercial people use this technique a lot. For example, there are two major companies in the US: Pepsi and Coca Cola. They are made the same way. Their sales depend on advertisement. If one advertises more, you drink that soda more. In other words, they use psychology to influence you, and what overrides the truth is your *nafs* [egoistic or animalistic self]. They address your *nafs* so you won't look any further.

Next, you must prepare yourself for the possibility that truth might be something traumatic and you may not like it. If you are after your *nafs*, you are not going to like the truth. But if the truth says, “You have to stop smoking this cigarette,” then you have to give up smoking.

In order to see the truth, you must be looking for the truth. How can you see the truth? You have to know the signs of the truth and you have to know the signs of the false. Your *nafs* is false. So, you need to have a *nafs* transformation.

After you see the truth, you then appeal to the Truth: “Will You, please, help me to accept the truth?” And the Truth will help you. Allah The Most High, The One and Only Truth, says, “If you take a step towards Me, I will walk to you; if you walk to Me, I will run to you.” Whoever gives Allah a goodly loan, Allah will multiply in return to this person. Do you see the principle of how Allah acts? Why does He multiply? Because He is generous. He is *Karim* [Generous] and He is *Wahhab* [Giving]. Allah has granted the opportunity for you to be His confidant so that He can share more of the truth.

When you are ready to accept the truth smilingly, and be after more truth and nothing but the truth, then the One and Only Truth will take you up to Himself. There is another subliminal message in this. What does it mean that He will take you up to Himself? I just told you, to be His confidant. When you love somebody, you have them come see you, and you put them on the couch and you talk to them one-on-one. There is no barrier between you: Allah and you, nothing else. The Prophet's job is to get you there; my job is to get you there. Then it will be you and Allah, Loved and Beloved.

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