

ALI -648

Qurb of Allah(swt)

Session 1:

8:30pm – 9:30pm – content covered

9:35pm – 9:45pm – in class time worksheet

Session 1: things to go over

- You choose the direction, the the change is innate.
- Physical Qurb vs Meta-Physical Qurb
- Sample case study of Mom and child
- The Qurb of Allah swt
 - Top down relationship
 - What does this look like?.
 - Down up relationship?
 - What does this look like?
 - Development in quantity and quality.
- In class worksheet time!

You chose the direction, the change is innate!

- Change in humans is rooted in the mind.
- Our worldview is the roots for our actions
- Repetition of actions yields in fruits called attributes.



Physical Qurb vs Meta-Physical Qurb

- Types of Physical Qurb:
 - Proximity can be based on:
 - 1. space
 - How near or far two entities (A and B) are from one another.
 - 2. time
 - Now near or far two events (A and B) are from one another.
- Some Rules of the physical realm
 - If A is close to B, then B is equally close to A.
 - Proximity requires separation and limitation in both A and B. this also means that there is a limit to physical proximity.

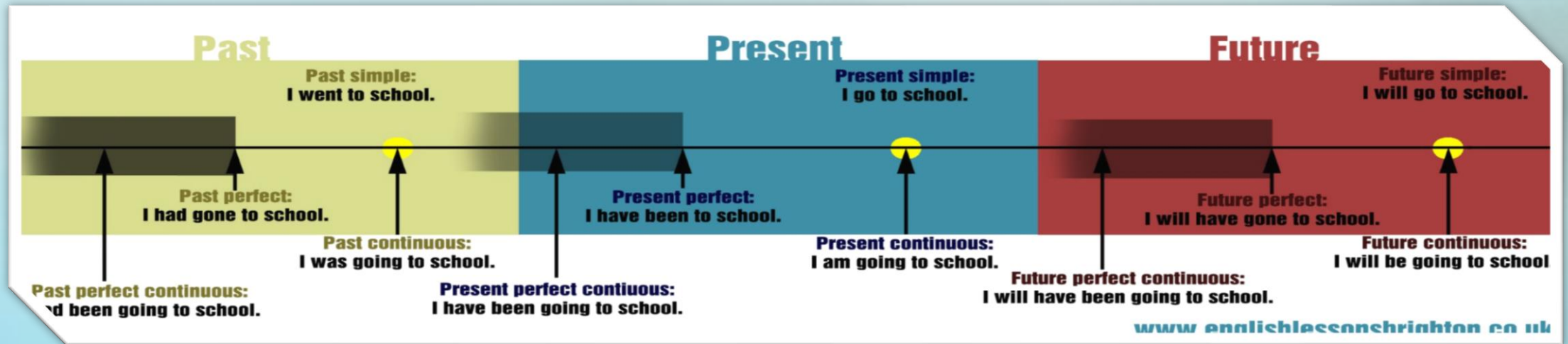
Physical Qurb vs Meta-Physical Qurb

Example of space

- A (face) does not become B (ball) and B does not become A.
- There is a limit to how proximate A can be to B.
 - This is due to the physical boundaries of A and B.



Physical Qurb vs Meta-Physical Qurb



Example of time

- My current yesterday is not my today, and my today is not my current tomorrow.
- The proximity is based on the image of A and B.
- There is way more to to be considered here but we will stop at this depth.

Physical Qurb vs Meta-Physical Qurb

- Basis of meta-Physical Qurb:
 - Proximity is manifest in attentiveness (tawajoh)
 - Top down relationship
 - Down up relationship
 - The qualitative measure
 - The quantitative measure
 - Humans are always in metaphysical motion. The direction is the only thing they can chose.
- Some rules of meta-Physical Qurb:
 - If A is close to B **HOWEVER**, B is may not be close to A.
 - Metaphysical existence does not share the limitations of physical existence.
 - A special type of relationship is possible. (ihatay- we may explain this in the future)



Metaphysical Qurb

Lets learning a meaning by examples.

Example one: relationship of a mother and her baby.

Did you know?


Proximity (ق ر ب) is the root word of aqrabeen!

وَأَنْذِرْ عَشِيرَتَكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ [٢٦:٢١٤]

And admonish thy nearest kinsmen,


Meta-Physical Qurb



The top-down relationship: 

- The mother has metaphysical qurb of the baby. She loves her baby from day one till they grow up and beyond!
- This deep connection is manifested in her life as the attentiveness (tawajoh) she has towards her baby:
 - Maintaining the environment factors; room cold or hot
 - to the baby's needs; needs milk or nappy change?
 - to potential risks; after milk to prevent an upset tummy, she burps the baby etc.


Meta-Physical Qurb

The down-up relationship: 



- The baby has metaphysical qurb of the mother. When his feels his dependence on the mother, he is attentive of her.
- the attentiveness (tawajoh) he has towards the mother stems from needs Which manifests into his actions (typically crying):
 - Need to be cozy, fed, clean
 - Consider the change in the child mother relationship as the child grows.
 - Baby → child → teen → adult → parenthood

Meta-Physical Qurb


The down-up relationship: 

- The qualitative measure:

- Infancy
- childhood
- Pre teen :
- teen :
- Young adult:
- Parenthood:.



Meta-Physical Qurb

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Metaphysical Qurb

The Metaphysical qurb of Allah(swt) we need to consider the following items :

The top-down relationship




The down-up relationship

the quantitative aspect

the qualitative aspect

Meta-Physical Qurb

The top-down relationship: 



– Allah swt is entirely close to his creatures equally.

- Allah is independent in existence, the creatures are entirely dependant on him.
- The dependency of the creatures towards Allah is the same for all creatures.

• أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ فِي مَرِيَّةٍ مِّن لِّقَاءِ رَبِّهِمْ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُّحِيطٌ [٤١:٥٤]

- Ah indeed! Are they in doubt concerning the Meeting with their Lord? Ah indeed! It is He that doth encompass all things!
- As his creatures are always entirely dependent on Allah, the tawajoh of Allah is at its apex towards the creatures. This apex of tawajoh is called ihatay. The encompassing of all his creatures, as mentioned in the verse above.
 - fun activity,

Meta-Physical Qurb

The down-up relationship: 



- The creatures are not all equal in their proximity to Allah (swt)

• وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي

وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ [٢:١٨٦]

- When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me: Let them also, willingly, Listen to My call, and believe in Me: That they may develop in the right way.

The measure of proximity is based on the attentiveness (tawajoh) of the creature towards their dependence on Allah.

Meta-Physical Qurb

The down-up relationship:



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- Man is neediness itself, and he call out to tools to get the fulfillment.
- Allah is bringing the attention of man to the epicenter of the Islamic worldview - Tawheed. The oneness in **ijabah**(response to the need). In every fulfillment the source lies with Allah swt the only independent in existence.

Meta-Physical Qurb

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- Allah (swt) says here; when you get your need fulfilled by a means, **know that that means is dependant on Allah(swt)**. Have me in your attention (tawajoh). Know it is me doing the **ijabah** (fulfillment).

Meta-Physical Qurb

The down-up relationship: ↑



As the tawajoh on the independent source of fulfilment increases then man experiences how close Allah(Swt) is.

- In this realization of the up-down relationship varies from creature to creature. This range of realization gives the range in the down-up relationship.
- The Masoomeen (AS) realize the up-down relationship at its apex, while some creatures are blind to this up-down relationship. And this creates a gradation.

Activity time 😊

- Please open the updated in-class activity and use the remaining class time to finish it and email it back to me with your name inserted into the saved file. Thanks.

