

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يا الله يا محمد يا علي يا فاطمه يا صاحب الزمان ادركني و لا تحلكني!

ALI 648 – QORB OF ALLAH (SWT) – SESSION 1 IN-CLASS ASSIGNMENT.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. time spent during this activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Please go through the passages listed and in light of the content taught try and understand the qorb of Allah swt in each passage mentioned. After working on this activity please email the response to myself at skamilrkazmi@gmail.com

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*Sample question and answer:*

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كَمَثَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِذْ قَالَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ اكْفُرْ فَلَمَّا كَفَرَ قَالَ إِنِّي بَرِيءٌ مِّنكَ إِنِّي أَخَافُ اللَّهَ رَبَّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ [٥٩:١٦]

like the Evil One, when he says to man, "Deny Allah": but when (man) denies Allah, (the Evil One) says, "I am free of thee: I do fear Allah, the Lord of the Worlds!"

فَكَانَ عَاقِبَتُهُمَا أَنَّهُمَا فِي النَّارِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۖ وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ [٥٩:١٧]

The end of both (shaitan and that man who denied Allah) will be that they will go into the Fire, dwelling therein forever. Such is the reward of the wrong-doers.

Q1: what is the top-down relationships present in this interaction between shaitan and man?

- Allah is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 2. And has complete dominance over the existence of both. He (SWT) allows both parties to act of free will using every capacity which HE(SWT) provides. This allowance is a chance for them to grow.

Q2: What is the down-up relationship presented in this interaction between shaitan and man?

- Shaitan declines as he requests something which is contra to an Allah centric worldview and Man declines as he progresses towards other than Allah(SWT) in existential focus (tawajoh)

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Passage 1:

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أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَحْرُثُونَ [٥٦:٦٣]

See ye the seed that ye sow in the ground?

أَأَنْتُمْ تَزْرَعُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الزَّارِعُونَ [٥٦:٦٤]

Is it ye that cause it to grow, or are We the Cause?

Q1: what is the top-down relationship between the true plant grower (ALLAH SWT) and the plant?

Q2: what is the down-up relationship that **can exist** between the apparent plant grower (farmer) and Allah SWT?

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Passage 2:

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أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ الْمَاءَ الَّذِي تَشْرَبُونَ [٥٦:٦٨]

See ye the water which ye drink?

أَأَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنزِلُونَ [٥٦:٦٩]

Do ye bring it down (in rain) from the cloud or do We?

لَوْ نَشَاءُ جَعَلْنَاهُ أُجَاجًا فَلَوْلَا تَشْكُرُونَ [٥٦:٧٠]

Were it Our Will, We could make it salt (and unpalatable): then why do ye not give thanks?

Q1: what is the top-down relationship between the sender of water (ALLAH swt) and the water?

Q2: what is the down-up relationship possible between the drinker of water and Allah SWT?

وَإِنْ أَنَامْتَنِي الْعَفْلَةُ عَنِ الْإِسْتِعْدَادِ لِلِقَائِكَ

wa in anamatni alghaflatu `an alisti`dadi liliqa'ika  
Though heedlessness has put to sleep my readiness to meet You,

فَقَدْ نَبَّهْتَنِي الْمَعْرِفَةُ بِكَرَمِكَ وَالْآثَاءِ

faqad nabbahatni alma`rifatu bikaramika wa ala'ika  
knowledge has awakened me to Your generosity and boons.

Q1: how does heedlessness put to sleep my readiness to meet Allah SWT?

Q2: what does meeting Allah (SWT) mean here; please note: as it cant be physical meeting, what does it mean metaphysically?

Q3: what role does knowledge play in meeting Allah (swt) what type of knowledge is it?