

ESSENTIALS OF ISLAMIC BELIEFS

Imam Ahmad al-Dardir's Kharida Explained

Lesson Six: Allah's Affirmative Attributes
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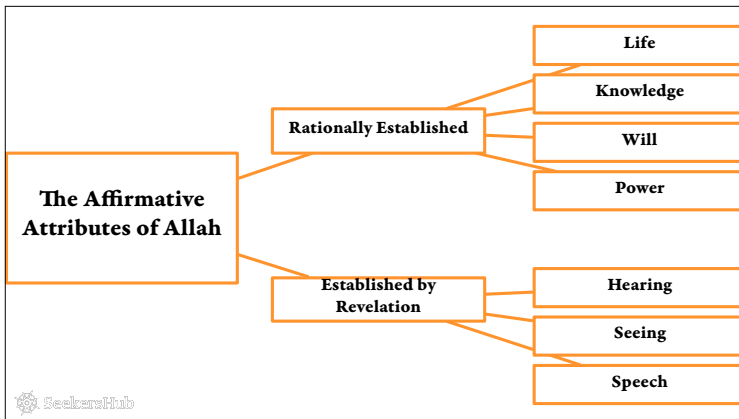


Lesson Six: The Affirmative Attributes Lines 32-36

- One. Allah's Life, Knowledge, Will, & Power
- Two. Creation, Allah's Will, and His Command
- Three. Allah's Hearing, Seeing, & Speaking



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Lesson Five: Lines 32-36

32. The affirmative attributes are seven: /
Namely, His Knowledge encompassing all
things

33. His Life, Power, and Will / Everything is
only because He Willed it

34. This is true even if He commanded
otherwise, / Allah's Will differs from His
Command—so avoid vanity

35. So know that created things take four /
Rulings in relation to His Will and
Command, so understand

36. His Speech, Hearing, and Seeing; / So
He is the True God, and One who acts as He
chooses

٣٢. ثُمَّ السَّعَاتِي سَبْعَةٌ لِلرَّائِي أَنَّى جَمَعَهُ السَّجِيذُ بِالْأَشْيَاءِ
٣٣. وَتَحْلُلُ نَفْسِي كَمَا جِئْتُ أَرَانَهُ غَيْبَانَةً وَتَقْدِيرُهُ إِزَانَهُ
٣٤. وَلَئِنْ يَكُنْ يَسْأَلُهُ قَدْ أَتَى قَالَ قَدْ غَيَّرَ الْأَمْرَ فَافْرَحَ الْبَرَاءُ
٣٥. فَكَيْفَ غَلِبَتْ أَرْثَمًا أَفْئَانًا فِي الْخَالِدَاتِ فَاحْفَظِ الشُّقَاتِ
٣٦. فَكَلَامُهُ وَالسَّمْعُ وَالْإِبْصَارُ لَهُوَ الْإِلَهَ الْقَابِلُ الشُّقَاتِ



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Part One.

Lines 32-33: Allah's Life, Knowledge, Will, and Power

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٣٢. تَمَّ التَّعَالِي تَبْعَةً لِلْمَرَاتِنِ أَنَّى عَلَّمَهُ التَّجِيطُ بِالْأَفْئِدَاءِ
٣٣. غِيَاثُهُ وَقُدْرَةُ إِزَاقَةِ وَتَحْلُ طَبَقِي كَالْبَيْتِ أَرْقَاةً

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One. Life (hayat)

Creator is necessarily

Living

Ayat al-Kursi [Q 2.255]

{An eternal attribute of
Allah, that is a condition
for His being characterized
by affirmative attributes.}

الحياة

Two. Knowledge (ilm)

Absolute, Eternal,
unacquired, complete

See: Q 57.3

{An eternal attribute of
Allah, by which Allah knows
all the necessary, possible,
and impossible—without
ever not having known it.}

العلم

Three. Will (irada)

Choice, specification

Q 85.16

{An eternal attribute of Allah, by which Allah specifies some of the possible with some of what is possible for it.}

الإرادة

Four. Power (qudra)

Originates

Q 2.284

{An eternal attribute of Allah, by which Allah brings originates the possible, in accordance with what He specifies with His Will.}

القدرة

Will, Power, and Responsibility

لِلّٰهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَاِنْ تُبْدُوْا مَا فِيْ اَنْفُسِكُمْ اَوْ
تُخْفُوْهُ بِحَاثِيَتِكُمْ ۚ يَّوْلٰهُ فَيَنْفَعُ لِمَنْ يُشَآءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَّشَآءُ ۗ
وَاللّٰهُ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ ﴿٢٨٤﴾

“Allah’s is all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. Whether you reveal what is in your hearts or conceal it, Allah will call you to account for it. He forgives whoever He wills, and punishes whoever He wills. And Allah has complete Power over everything.”

[Qur’an, 2.284]

Last verses of Surat al-Baqara: recommended Prophetic practice every night. “Whoever recites them, they will be sufficient for them.”

Part Two.

Lines 33-35: Creation, Allah’s Will, and His Command

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٣٣- عِبَادُ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا رَسُولَهُ
 ٣٤- وَلَئِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُوا أَمْرَهُ
 ٣٥- فَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ أَنِّي اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدْنِي وَأَقِمُوا صَلَاةَ اللَّهِ الْحَقِّ الَّتِي لَا يَمُوتُ لَكُمْ كَفْرًا

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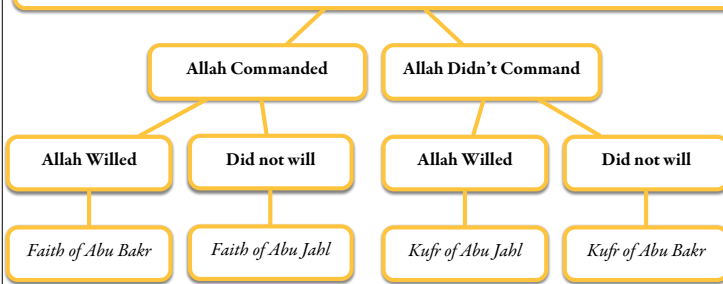
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Three principles: (1) Everything happens by the Will of Allah. (2) Humans act with choice and are responsible. (3) Allah is Pleased with us when our choices and actions correspond to His Command.

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The Relationship Between Allah's Command and Will

(1) Everything happens by the Will of Allah. (2) Humans act with choice and are responsible. (3) Allah is Pleased with us when our choices and actions correspond to His Command.



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Part Three. Line 36: Allah's Hearing, Seeing, & Speaking

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Five-Six. Hearing and Seeing

Distinct from Knowledge
—mentioned distinctly in
Qur'an

[Eternal attributes of
Allah, by which Allah
hears and sees all existent
things.]

السمع
والبصر

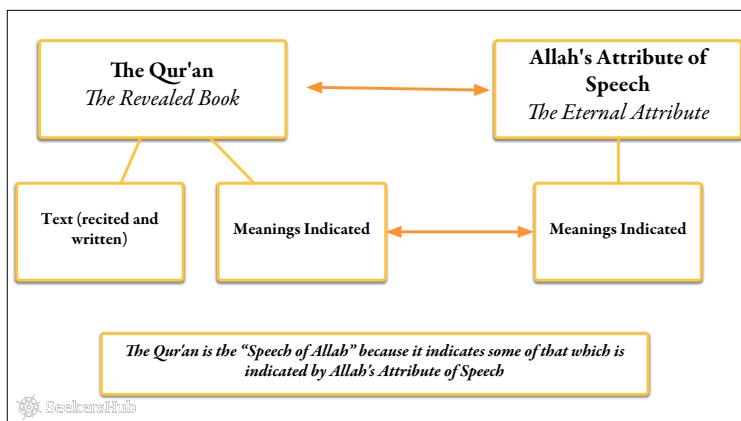
Seven. Speech (kalam)

Allah has ascribed Speech
to Himself

Eternal Attribute: indicates
meanings—transcendent
beyond words and sounds

Qur'an: Speech of Allah—
how?

الكلام



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**Lesson Seven. The
Attachents of Allah's
Attributes**