

# ESSENTIALS OF ISLAMIC BELIEFS

## Imam Ahmad al-Dardir's Kharida Explained

Lesson Eight: The Attachments of Allah's Attributes—and  
Closing Discussions on the Attributes of Allah



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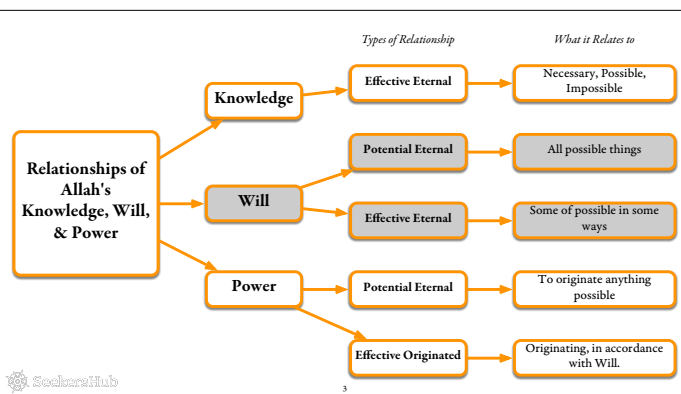
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### Review Lesson Seven: The Attachments of Allah's Attributes (Lines 37-45)

- One. The Attachments of Allah's Attributes
- Two. Understanding Allah's Attributes: Issues
- Three. The Attributes and Four Key Dhikrs



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### Lesson Eight: The Attachments of Allah's Attributes (Lines 46-50)

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## Text: Allah's Attributes (Lines 46-50)

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٤٦. وَالْوَّاحِدَ الْمَعْبُودُ لَا يَغْتَفِرُ لغيرِهِ جَلَّ الْغَنِيُّ الْمُتَّقِرُ  
٤٧. وَجَائِزٌ فِي حَقِّهِ الْإِجَادُ وَالشَّرْكُ وَالْإِسْقَاءُ وَالْإِسْقَادُ  
٤٨. وَمَنْ يَقُلْ فِعْلُ الصَّالِحِ وَجِبَا عَلَى الْإِلَهِ قَدْ أَسَاءَ الْأَدْبَا  
٤٩. وَاجْتَرَأَ أَحْسَى بِسُوءَةِ الْإِلَهِ فِي جِلْدَةِ الْخُلْدِ بِلَا تَقَايَسِ  
٥٠. إِذِ الدُّلُوعُ عَائِزٌ بِالسَّغْلِ وَقَدْ أَتَى فِيهِ تَلِيلُ الْفَلْجِ

46. And the One, the Worshipped is not in need / Of any other—exalted is the Independent and Powerful  
47. It is possible for Allah to bring into existence / Or not doing so; and damning and giving felicity  
48. Whoever says that doing that which is most beneficial / Is necessary for Allah, has manifested impropriety  
49. Have conviction, dear brother, in the vision of God / In the Eternal Garden, without limit  
50. This vision is rationally possible, / And transmitted texts affirm it decisively

## Lines 46: Freedom of Need

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46. And the One, the Worshipped is not in need / Of any other—exalted is the Independent and Powerful  
Emphasis on freedom of need—many implications  
Everything we affirm about Allah: Eternal, Absolute  
The five Attributes of Negation: true for Allah Himself, and His Affirmative Attributes

## Lines 47: What is Possible for Allah

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٤٧. وَجَائِزٌ فِي حَقِّهِ الْإِجَادُ وَالشَّرْكُ وَالْإِسْقَاءُ وَالْإِسْقَادُ

47. It is possible for Allah to bring into existence / Or not doing so; and damning and giving felicity  
One. What is the possible?  
Two. Allah can do anything possible or not do it  
Three. Allah's Will and Power

## Lines 48: The Issue of Good and Evil

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٤٨. وَمَنْ يَقُلْ فِعْلُ الصَّالِحِ وَجِبَا عَلَى الْإِلَهِ قَدْ أَسَاءَ الْأَدْبَا

48. Whoever says that doing that which is most beneficial / Is necessary for Allah, has manifested impropriety  
One. Does God have to “do the good”?  
Two. What is the ‘good’? What is ‘evil’?  
Three. Knowing the Greatness of God

## Lines 49-50: The Beatific Vision

٤٩- وَالْجِزْمُ أَجْنَى بِرُؤْيَا الْإِلَهِ فِي جَنَّةِ الْخُلْدِ بِلا تَنَاهِي  
٥٠- إِذِ الْوُفُوعُ جَائِزٌ بِالسَّقْلِ وَقَدْ أَتَى فِيهِ دَلِيلُ السَّقْلِ

49. Have conviction, dear brother, in the vision of God / In the Eternal Garden, without limit

50. This vision is rationally possible, / And transmitted texts affirm it decisively

One. The Divine Vision: affirmed in the Qur'an

Two. How do we understand it?

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## The Qur'an on the Divine Vision

وَيَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ الْأَشْجَارُ  
إِلَّا رَهًا تَائِبَةً (٣) وَيَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ الْأَشْجَارُ  
إِلَّا رَهًا تَائِبَةً (٣) نَظُنُّ أَنْ يَجْعَلَ يَا قَاهِرَةً (١٥)

“On that Day some faces will be bright, looking at their Lord.” [Qur'an, 75.22-23]

One. The Divine Vision: affirmed in the Qur'an

Two. How do we understand it?

Three. Hadiths of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)

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## The Spiritual Vision: Beholding with the Heart

“The perfection of faith (ihsan) is to worship Allah as though you behold him,” said the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)

What is this *beholding* of the heart?

The perfection of faith

How is faith perfected?

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## Next: Lessons 9-10: Prophethood

The Need for Prophets

What is Necessary, Possible, and Impossible for Prophets

What We Believe About the Prophet

Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him)

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