

ESSENTIALS OF ISLAMIC BELIEFS

Imam Ahmad al-Dardir's Kharida Explained

Lesson Eleven: The Realization of Faith

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Review Lesson Ten

The Hereafter

One. Resurrection, Gathering

Two. Judgment and the Scales

Three. Intercession

Four. Bridge, Pool

Five. Heaven, Hell

Six. Related Beliefs



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Today. Principles of the Path to Allah & Realization of Faith (Lines 58-64)



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Text. The Realization of Faith: 58-61

٥٨. وَيَتَذَكَّرُ فِي كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ
٥٩. لِيَتَذَكَّرَ مِنْ رَّبِّهِ بِمَا آتَى
٦٠. وَيَتَذَكَّرَ عَلَى الرَّجَاءِ
٦١. وَيَتَذَكَّرَ الْغُفَارِ

58. The Statement of Islam contains within it /
Everything that has been mentioned above.

59. So invoke it frequently, with proper manners / And
you will rise by this invoking to the highest of ranks.

60. Make your fear remain your hope / And travel to your
Lord without straying

61. Renew your repentance for all sins / But never
despair from the mercy of the All-Forgiving

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Text. The Realization of Faith: 62-64

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٦٢. وَكُنْ عَلَى الْاَمْرِ شَاكِرًا وَكُنْ عَلَى بَلَاءِهِ صَبِيرًا
٦٣. فَتَحُلْ اَمْرًا بِالْفَقْدِ وَالْفَقْرِ وَتَحُلْ تَقْدِيرَ فِتْنَا عَذَابٍ نَقِيرَ
٦٤. فَتَحُلْ لَهُ تَسْلِيمًا قَبْلَ تَسْلِيمِهَا وَتَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْفَارِجِينَ فَهَلْ تَسْلَمُ

- 62. Be thankful for His blessings / And remain steadfastly patient when He sends trials**
63. For every matter is by His Decree and Destiny / And there is no fleeing from destiny as it unfolds
64. So submit in so that you are safe / And follow the way of worshipful scholars

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Twenty Principles Mentioned

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In lines 58-71, closing of the Kharida, Imam Dardir mentions 20 principles the path of closeness to Allah —the path of the realization of faith
“People are only prevented from attainment because they (a) do not uphold the foundational principles (usul); and (b) they fail to follow a trustworthy guide.” - Abu Madyan

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Line 58: The Statement of Faith

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- 58. The Statement of Islam contains within it / Everything that has been mentioned above.**

One. Meaning of La ilaha illa'l Llah

There is none {free of need of any other, whom all are in absolute need of} except Allah

Two. Personal Attribute; Negation; Affirmation—Implications

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Line 59: Remembrance with Adab

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- 59. So invoke it frequently, with proper manners / And you will rise by this invoking to the highest of ranks.**

One. Consistent theme of the Qur'an and Sunna: remember God, and avoid heedlessness

Two. The key to benefit: adab

Three. Consequence: Highest Ranks

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20 Principles: One-Two

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One. Remembrance with Adab
Two. Seeking Closeness, the Highest of Ranks

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Line 60: Hope, Fear, and Travel

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**60. Make your fear remain your hope / And travel to your Lord
without straying**

One. Hope (raja')

Attaching the heart to something desired, & taking the means to
attaining

Two. Fear (khawf)

The hearts awe at the Greatness of God, with humbledness &
submission

Three. Travel (sayr)

Committing to a clear, sound path of seeking closeness to Allah—with
(a) consistent remembrance (dhikr); (b) spiritual reminders
(mudhakara); and (c) spiritual striving (mujahada)

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20 Principles: Three-Five

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Three. Fear of Allah
Four. Hope in Allah
**Five. Travelling to Allah (sayr) with
determination**

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Line 61: Repentance, Certitude

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**61. Renew your repentance for all sins / But never
despair from the mercy of the All-Forgiving**

One. Repentance

Returning to Allah: (a) from sin to submission; (b)
from the disliked to the pleasing; (c) from
heedlessness to consciousness

Two. Certitude

Knowing Mercy is waiting

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20 Principles: Six-Seven

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Six. Repentance
Seven. Certitude without despair

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Line 62: Gratitude and Steadfastness

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**62. Be thankful for His blessings / And remain steadfastly patient
when He sends trials**

**63. For every matter is by His Decree and Destiny / And there is
no fleeing from destiny as it unfolds**

One. Gratitude (shukr)

Three elements: (a) recognizing blessings; (b) appreciating blessings
—and (c) expressing appropriately

“Gratitude is for the servant to direct every blessing Allah has blessed
them with towards what Allah created it for.”

Two. Steadfastness (sabr)

Remaining firm upon what is pleasing to Allah—with contentment
and without objection

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20 Principles: Eight-Nine

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Eight. Gratitude (shukr)
Nine. Steadfastness (sabra)

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Line 63-64: Submission to Destiny

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**63. For every matter is by His Decree and Destiny
/ There is no fleeing from destiny as it unfolds**

**64. So submit in so that you are safe / And follow
the way of worshipful scholars**

One. Consciousness of Divine Destiny—and its
spiritual consequences

Two. Submission with contentment

Three. Spirituality: living the meanings of faith

Mindfulness: acting on the implications of faith

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The Way of Worshipful Scholars

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64. ... And follow the way of worshipful scholars

One. Worshipful (nasikin): key sunna of the Prophet
(peace and blessings be upon him)

Two. Sign of true knowledge: reverent awe
(khashiya) of Allah

Three. Our religion is build on principled following
Faith (iman). Submission (islam). Spirituality
(ihсан).

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20 Principles: Ten-Eleven

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**Ten. Submission—to Divine Command and
Destiny**

**Eleven. Following the Way of Worshipful
Scholars**

Lesson 12: the remaining principles

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Text. The Realization of Faith: 65-71

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65. Purify your heart from all otherness with
striving; / Standing in prayer in the depths of
the night;

66. Contemplation; constant remembrance; /
Consistently avoiding all sin;

67. Be vigilant of Allah in all situations, / In
order to ascend to the stations of perfection

68. Say, with abasement, "My Lord, don't
debar me / From You with any barrier, and
don't withhold from me

69. Your radiant secret that removes all
blindness, / And grant me a good ending, O
Most Merciful!

70. And all praise is to Allah for completion, /
With the best of blessings and peace

71. For the Hashemite Final Prophet / And
honourable family and companions.



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Next: Lesson Twelve The Realization of Faith: Principles 11-20

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