

ESSENTIALS OF ISLAMIC BELIEFS

Imam Ahmad al-Dardir's Kharida Explained

Lesson Twelve: The Realization of Faith

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Twenty Principles Mentioned

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“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

Lines 58-71: 20 principles on the path of the realization of faith

Lesson 11: Principles 1-11

Today: Principles 12-20

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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.

٦٥- وَغُلِّصْ الْقَلْبَ مِنَ الْاِفْتِارِ بِالْحِجْدِ وَالْقِيَامِ فِي الْاَسْحَارِ
٦٦- وَالْفَكْرَ وَالذَّكْرَ عَلَى الدَّوَامِ مُجْتَهِبًا لِشَايِرِ الْاَعْمَالِ
٦٧- مُرَاقِبًا فِي فِي الْاَسْوَالِ لِعَزَّتَيْنِ تَعَالِمِ الْكَمَالِ
٦٨- وَقُلْ يَلَهُ رَبِّ لَا تَقْصُرْنِي عَنْكَ بِقَابِلٍ وَلَا تَحْرُسْنِي
٦٩- مِنْ يَرْكُ الْاُجْهِ السَّوِيلِ لِلْعَمَى وَالْحُثْمِ بِغَيْرِ بَا رَجِيمِ الرَّحْمَا
٧٠- وَالْحُسْنُ فِي عَالِي الْاِنْعَامِ وَالْأَفْضَلُ الْمُلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ
٧١- عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْهَاشِمِيِّ الْخَاتَمِ وَالْكَوْ وَنَسْبِهِ الْاَكْبَامِ



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Review Lesson Eleven

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One. Remembrance with Adab

Two. Seeking Closeness, the Highest of Ranks

Three. Fear of Allah

Four. Hope in Allah

Five. Travelling to Allah (sayr) with determination



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Review Lesson Eleven

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Six. Repentance

Seven. Certitude without despair

Eight. Gratitude (shukr)

Nine. Steadfastness (sabra)

Ten. Submission—to Divine Command & Destiny

Eleven. Following the Way of Worshipful Scholars

Lesson 12: the remaining principles

Lesson Twelve

The Realization of Faith (Lines 65-71) Principles 12-20

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Line 65: Purify Your Heart—and Attain Closeness

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

One. Purify your heart

Prohibited qualities: obligatory to *strive* to be free of

Obligatory qualities: obligatory to *strive* to embody

Two. Purpose of purification of the heart

Removing 'Otherness' results in attaining Closeness

Line 65: Purify Your Heart: the Means

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

Three. Means to purification: (1) Night worship

The merits of night worship

What night worship expresses

What night worship requires

How to begin?

20 Principles: 12-13

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Twelve. Purifying heart from Otherness
Thirteen. Night prayer

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Line 66: ... Purify Your Heart: Means

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

One. Means to purification: (2) Contemplation
(fkr)

Reflect on: (1) Allah. (2) Your reality. (3) Your
purpose. (4) Death. (5) What you need to do

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Line 66: ... Purify Your Heart: Means

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

Two. Means to purification: (3) Constant remembrance
(dhikr)

“Keep your tongue moist with the remembrance of
Allah,” said the Prophet (peace be upon him)

Three. Means to purification: (4) Avoiding all sin

The operational definition of taqwa

Begins with resolve. Requires vigilance (muraqaba)

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20 Principles: 14-16

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Fourteen. Contemplation
Fifteen. Constant Remembrance
Sixteen. Carefully Leaving All Sin

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Line 67: Constant Vigilance

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

One. Vigilance (muraqaba)

(1) Setting conditions (musharata). (2) Being watchful (muraqaba). (3) Taking oneself to account (muhasaba).

Two. Purpose of purification, vigilance, mindfulness, caution:

the Stations of Perfection (al-kamal): beholding Allah

“To submit to Allah as though you behold Him,” said the

Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)

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20 Principles: 17

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Seventeen. Vigilance (muraqaba)...

... and its consequence: Beholding (mushahada)

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Line 68-69: Seeking!

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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!

One. Beseeching Allah in neediness and abasement

Two. Active Supplication

Three. Desperate yearning

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20 Principles: 18-20

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Eighteen. Neediness and Humility

Nineteen. Active Supplication

Twenty. Yearning

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Line 70-71: Closing Supplication

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**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.**

The Sunna of good closing

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Be Like the Constant Traveller

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One. Review

Two. Understand the Key Issues

Three. Know the Key Definitions

Four. Ask Your Questions

Five. Reflect and Live the Meanings

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