

Who is Allah?

(Part 1)

Let's find out the answer from Allah Himself through His own words in the Quran:

There are several places in the Quran where Allah has introduced Himself in detail. Like whom He created, why He created, His capabilities and belongings. Also the purpose of all His creations, favors He bestowed on mankind and His attributes. Also He answers some of the questions of people. An attempt has been made in this booklet to mention some of His sayings about Himself directly from the glorious Quran.

Say: "He is Allah the One and Only; Allah is the self-sufficient (independent of all, while all are *dependent on Him*); He begets not, nor is He begotten (*he has no child, nor He a child of any*

one); and there is none comparable to Him.”
(Quran, Surah Al Ikhlas , Chapter 112.)

1) The most comprehensive as well as concise introduction of Allah is given in the very first three Ayahs (verses) of the Quran. Surah Al-Fatiha, Ayah1-3.

- All (*sincere, genuine and ultimate*) praise and thanks belong to Allah (*This praise and thanks is totally independent of anybody’s praise or thanks*).
- He is the Rabb (*meaning of Rabb in Arabic includes Owner, in charge, Care taker, Maintainer, Giver of gifts, Master, Sustainer and Provider etc*) of all the nations.
- He is extremely loving and caring and merciful right now and in the future (*Allah’s mercy is beyond human imagination, Ibne Abbas RA, describes, the two qualities of Allah, Rehman is for this temporary world for everyone and Raheem for believers in the permanent hereafter*).

Note: The multiple facets of meaning of Ar-Rahman and Ar-Raheem convey the all-encompassing nature of our merciful creator, whose extreme love and care informs the minutest aspect of our existence.

- He is the owner of the Day of Judgment.

Note: Now it is very clear that why all praise and thanks belong to Allah, because He is the Rabb, He is Ar –Rahman, Ar-Raheem and the Owner of the Day of Judgment/Retribution.

2) Allah! There is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of all existence. He neither slumbers nor sleeps. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. Who can intercede with Him without His permission? He knows what is

before them and what is behind them (Allah's knowledge encompasses every aspect of His creation in the past, present and future). They encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi (Chair, although, we humans cannot imagine or visualize the exact nature of His chair) extends over the heavens and earth, and guarding of these both does not fatigue Him. He is the Exalted, the Supreme.

[Quran 2/225]

- 3) Allah is the ally (patron and supporter) of those who believe. He brings them out from darkness into the light. [Quran 2/257].
- 4) Allah is Mighty, capable of retribution. Surely nothing in the earth or in the heavens is hidden from Allah. It is He Who shapes you in the wombs of your mother as He wills. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise. [Q 2/4-6].
- 5) Your God is only one God; there is no one worthy of worship except Him, the most Compassionate, the Merciful. Surely in the creation of the heavens and earth, in the alternation of the night and day, in the sailing of the ships through the ocean for the profit of mankind, in the rain which Allah send down from the skies, with which He revives the earth after its death and spreads in it all kinds of animals, in the change of the winds and the clouds between the sky and the earth that are made subservient, there are sign for rational people. [Q2/163/164].
- 6) It is Allah, who has created the heavens and the earth, He sends down water from the sky with which He brings forth fruits for your sustenance. He has made the ship subservient to you, that they may sail through sea by His command; and Likewise, the rivers are made for your profit. The sun and the moon are assigned for your service, which steadfastly pursue their courses, and has made the night and the day for your benefit. He has given you all that you could ask for; and you want to count the favors of Allah, you will never be able to count them. In fact, man is unjust and thankless. [Q14/32/34].

- 7) Allah knows what every female bears in her womb. He is fully aware of what decrease or increase (with absolute knowledge of inclusive of every aspect of the fetus existence). Everything has a due measure with Him. He has perfect knowledge of both the visible and the invisible. He is the great, the Most high. It is the same to Him whether any of you speak in secret or aloud, whether anyone hides under the darkness of night or walks about in broad daylight. Each person has been assigned guardian angels before him and after him, who watch him by the command of Allah. The fact is that Allah never changes the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves. If Allah wants to afflict a people with misfortune, none can ward it off, nor can they find any protector besides Him. He is the one Who shows you lightning, which causes fear and hope, and brings up heavy clouds (with rain). The thunder declares His glory with His praises and so do the angels in awe of Him. He sends thunderbolts and strikes therewith whom He wills while they dispute about Allah; and He is severe in assault. And to Allah prostrates whoever is within the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and so do their shadows in the mornings and evenings. [Q 13/8-13,15].
- 8) It is Allah Who has given you ears, eyes and hearts- yet, seldom you show gratitude- It is He Who has multiplied you on earth and before Him you shall all be assembled (on the Day of Judgment). It is He Who gives life and causes you to die, and in His control is the alternation of the night and the day: then why you don't understand? [Q23/78-80]
- 9) Blessed is the one (Allah) Who has revealed Al-Furqan (the criterion to distinguish right from wrong: The Quran) to His servant, that he may be a Warner to the worlds; He is the one to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, has begotten no son and has no partner in His kingdom; He has

- created everything and determined it with (precise) determination (i.e. Qadar). [Q25/1-2]
- 10) He is Allah; there is no deity except Him. To Him is (due all) praise in this first life and the Hereafter. And His is the (final) decision, and to Him you will be returned. [Q 28/70]
 - 11) Praise be to Allah to Whom belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth! To Him be the praise in the hereafter. He is the Wise, the Aware. He has the knowledge of all that goes into the earth and that which comes out of it; and all that comes down from heaven and that which ascends to it. He is the Merciful, the Forgiving. [Q 34/1-2].
 - 12) Praise be to Allah, the creator of the heavens and the earth! Who appoints the angels having two, three and four wings as His messengers. He adds to His creation as He pleases; for Allah has power over all things. None can withhold the blessings which He bestows on people, and what He withholds, none can award it thereafter. He is the Mighty, the Wise. O mankind, remember the favors of Allah upon you. Is there any creator other than Allah who provides for you from the heavens and the earth? There is no god but He, so how you are deluded? [Q35/1-3].
 - 13) Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The parable of His Light is as if there was a niche, in which there is a lamp, the lamp is enclosed in crystal, the crystal is of a star like brilliance, it is lit with the olive oil from a blessed olive tree which is neither eastern nor western, it's very oil would almost be luminous though not fire touched it (as though all the means of increasing) Light upon Light (are provided). Allah guides to His Light whom He pleases. Allah cites such parables to make His message clear to the people; and Allah has knowledge of everything. His Light is found on those houses (mosques) which Allah has sanctioned to be built for the remembrance of His

name; where His name is glorified in the mornings and in the evenings. [Q 24/35/36].

- 14) Allah is He, besides Whom there is none worthy of worship, the Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is extremely loving, caring and merciful right now and in the future. Allah is He , besides Whom there is no worthy of worship, the sovereign/king, the Holy/Pure, the perfect (free from any defects) ,the Bestower of faith, the Guardian, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the supreme: Glory be to Allah! He is far above the shirk they commit (by associating other gods with Him). He is Allah, the Creator, the Inventor, and the Fashioner. To whom belongs the best and most beautiful names. All that is in heavens and earth declares His glory, and He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. [Q59/22-24]
- 15) All that is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allah, and He is the All-Mighty, the All –Wise. To Him belongs the kingdom of heavens and the earth; it is He who gives life and causes death; and He has powers over all things. His the First (nothing is before Him) and the Last (nothing is after Him), the Most High (above Whom there is nothing) and the Intimate (nothing is nearer than Him), and He has the knowledge of all thing. It is He who created the heavens and the earth in six Yaums (days, time periods or stages, we cannot comprehend Allah’s Days), then established Himself on the throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). He knows all that enters the earth and all that emerges from it, all that comes down from Heavens and all that ascends to it; and He is with you (observing and witnessing) wherever you are. Allah is watching all your actions. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and all affairs go back to Allah for decision. He causes the night to pass into the day and the day to pass into the night, and He has the knowledge of the inmost secrets of your hearts. [Q 57/1-6].

- 16) Blessed be He whose hands is the Kingdom of the universe and has power over all the things. The one who created death and life, so that He may put you to test, to find out which of you is best in deeds: He is the All-Mighty, the All-Forgiving. The one Who created the seven heavens, one above other, you will not see any fault in the creation of the extremely Merciful. Look once again, do you see any flaw? Then look still another time, yet, again your sight will come back humbled while it is fatigued. We have decorated the Heavens of this world with lamps (stars) and We made them as missiles for pelting the ; [Q 67/1-5].
- 17) We have created you; then why do not you believe (in the Resurrection)? Have you ever considered the semen you discharge: Is it you who creates the child from it, or are We the creator? It is We Who have ordained death among you and We are not helpless in replacing you by others like yourselves or transforming you into beings that you do not know. You already know well your first creation, why then do you not take heed? Have you ever considered the seed that you sow in the ground; Is it you who cause it to grow or We are the grower? If it be Our Will, We could crumble your crops in debris and you would then be left lamenting: [saying]. "Indeed, we are now in debt; rather we have been deprived." Have you ever considered the water which you drink? Is it you who send it down from the clouds or We are the sender? If it be Our will, We could turn it salty. Why then you are not thankful?.Have you ever considered the fire that you kindle? Is it you who produced the tree, or We are the producer? We have made it a reminder (of the great fire of hell) and a provision of life for the travelers. So glorify the name of your Rabb, The most great [Q 56/57-73].
- 18) It is He Who has created you from dust, then from a sperm, then from a leechlike mass, then He delivers you from the

- womb of your mother as a child, then He makes you grow to reach the age of full strength, then He makes you grow to reach an old age- though some of you die earlier- so that you may complete your appointed term and grow in wisdom. It is He Who gives life and causes you to die. It is Who when He decides to do something, needs only to say: “Be, “and it is. [Q40/67-68].
- 19) Does not man see that We have created him from the sperm? Yet, he stands up as open adversary. He presents for us an example (attempting to establish the finality of the death) and forgets his own creation. He says who will give life to bones while they are disintegrated/decomposed. Tell them “Who created them first time, will give them life again, He is well versed in every kind of creation. It is He Who produces for you the spark from the green tree to kindle fire therewith. Does He Who has created the heavens and the earth, no power to create the likes of them?” Of course He does! He is the All-Knowing supreme creator. Whatever He intends a thing, He needs only to say: “Be,” and it is. Glory be to Him in Whose hands is the Kingdom of all things; and to Whom shall be brought back. [Q 36/77-83].
- 20) Allah is the One Who o raised the heavens without pillars as you can see, then firmly established Himself on the throne (of authority) and subjected the sun and the moon to His law-each one pursuing its course for an appointed time. He regulates all the affairs. He spells out His revelations so that you may believe in meeting your Rabb. He is the one Who spread out the earth and placed thereon mountains and rivers, created fruits of every kind in pairs, and makes the night cover the day. Certainly there are signs for those who use their thoughts. In the earth there are tracts side by side: gardens of grape, crops and palm trees growing singly or in cluster. They are all watered with the same water, yet We make some of them

excel others in taste as food. Surely in this, there are signs for people who ponder and reflect.[Q13/2-4].

21) Allah is He Who created you from dust, then from a sperm drop, and then He made you pairs. No female conceives or delivers without His knowledge. No long-lived man grows old or has his life cut short but is written in a book; surely, all this is easy for Allah. The two bodies of water, of which one is sweet and pleasant to drink and other is salty and bitter, are not alike. Yet, from each kind of water you eat fresh meat and extract ornaments which you wear; and you see the ships plough their course through them that you may seek His bounty, a that you may be grateful. He causes the night to pass into the day and the day into the night, and He has made the sun and the moon to serve you; each one follows its course for an appointed term. Such is Allah, your Rabb; to Him belong sovereignty. And those whom you invoke other than Him do not possess even a thread of a date-stone. If you pray to them, they, they cannot hear your prayers and even they could hear you they could not answer you. On the day of Resurrection they will deny your deny your associating them with Allah. And none can inform you about all this like the One Who is All-Aware. O mankind, you are those in need of Allah, while Allah is the Free of need, the praiseworthy. If He wants, He can destroy you and replace you with a new creation; and this is not at all difficult for Allah.[Q 35/11-17]

22) It is Allah Who has created the heavens, the earth and all that in between them in six Yaums (days, time period, stages), then established Himself on the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). You have not besides Him any protector or any intercessor. Will you not then take heed? He plans all affairs from the heavens to the earth: then each affair ascends to Him in a yaum (time period) which to your calculation, is one thousand years. Such is He, the Knower of all the hidden and

- the open, the All-Mighty, the Merciful. It is He who has given the best form to everything that He has created. He originated the creation of man from clay; then automated the creation of his progeny by an extract of a partly fluid; then He fashioned him in due proportion and breathed into him of His sprit. He gave you ears, eyes and heart; yet you are seldom thankful. [Q32/4-9].
- 23) The revelation of this book is from Allah, the Almighty, the All-Knowledgeable, the Forgiver of sins, the Acceptor of repentance, the Stern in punishment and the Lord of bounty; there is none worthy of worship but He, to Whom all shall return. [Q40/2-3]
- 24) It is Allah Who has made for you the night to rest in and the day to see your way around. Surely, Allah is bountiful to mankind, yet, most of the people are not thankful. Such is Allah your Rabb, the creator of all things. There is no god but Him. None has the right to be worshipped except Him, so how are you being deluded? Thus were deluded those who denied the revelations of Allah. It is Allah Who has made the earth a resting place for you, and the sky a canopy. He has molded your bodies and molded them well, and has provided you with good things. Such is Allah, your Rabb. So blessed is Allah, the Rabb of the worlds. He is the Ever-Living. There is none worthy of worship but He. Therefore, call upon Him with your sincere devotion. Praise be to Allah, the Rabb of the worlds. [Q40/61-65].
- 25) Allah alone has the keys of the unseen; no one knows them except Him. He knows whatever is in the land and the sea; there is not a single leaf that falls without His knowledge; there is neither a grain in the darkness of the earth nor anything fresh or dry which has not been recorded in a Clear Book. He is the one Who takes your souls at night (makes you go to sleep) and knows what you do during the day, then the next day

- raises you up again to complete your allotted span of life. To Him you shall all return, then He will notify you of all that you have done. He is the supreme over His servants and sends guardian angels over you. At length, when death approaches anyone of you, Our messengers (angels) take his soul and they are not negligent in performing their duty. Then those souls are brought back to Allah, their real Master. Beware! He is the Judge and He is the swiftest in settling accounts. [Q 6/59-62].
- 26) Allah is the one Who created you from a single soul, from that soul He created its mate, and through them He spread countless men and women. [Q4/1].
- 27) Allah! There is no god but Him. He will certainly gather you all together on the Day of Resurrection; there is no doubt in it, and who can be more truthful in His words than Allah? [Q4/87].
- 28) If Allah were to punish mankind for their wrongdoing, He would not leave a single living creature on the face of the earth, but He gives them respite for an appointed time. So when their appointed time comes, they can neither stay behind for a moment nor they go before it. We have revealed to you the book (the Quran) so that you may clearly explain to them the reality of those things in which they differ- it is guidance for those people who believe. Allah sends down water from the sky, and with it gives life to the land after it had been dead (similarly Quran is being sent to serve a similar purpose). Surely, in this example there is sign for those who listen. Surely, there is a lesson for you in cattle. We give to drink of what is in their bellies, between bowels and blood-pure milk-pleasant for those who drink it. Likewise, in the fruits of the date-palms and the grapes, from which you derive intoxicants and good provision (This verse was revealed before the prohibition of intoxicants. It alludes to the fact that there are both evil and good possibilities in certain things). Certainly in this, there is sign for those people who use reason. And your Rabb inspired

- the bees to build their hives in the mountain, in the trees, and in anything which men may build for beekeeping, and feed on every kind of fruit and follow the smooth ways of your Rabb. From its belly comes forth syrup of different colors, which contains a healing for mankind. Certainly in this there is a sign for those who think. Allah is the one Who created you, then He causes you to die; there are some amongst you whose lives are prolonged to an abject old age so that they know nothing after having known much. In fact, Allah is the All-Knowing, Almighty. [Q 16-61, 64-70].
- 29) Had there been, in the heavens or in the earth, other gods besides Allah, both the heavens and earth would have been in a state of disorder. Glory be to Allah, the Lord of the Throne, absolutely free is He from the falsehood that they attribute to Him. He is accountable to none about what He does, but they are accountable to Him. [Q21/23-23].
- 30) Do you know that Allah has sovereignty over the heavens and the earth? He may punish whom He pleases and forgive whom He pleases. Allah has power everything. [Q5/40].
- 31) He is the same one Allah in both the heavens and the earth. He knows what you conceal, what you reveal and what you do. [Q6/3].
- 32) If all the trees on earth were pens and the ocean were ink, replenished by seven more oceans, the writing of Allah's words would not be exhausted; surely, Allah is Mighty, wise. Say, "If the water of the ocean were ink with which to write the words of my Rabb, the ocean would surely be consumed before the words of my Rabb are finished, even if We brought another ocean of similar quantity to replenish it."
- Explanation: Allah' words means Allah's unlimited knowledge or words describing His attributes and His grandeur or praise of Him. [Q 31/27, Q 18/109].**

- 33) There is no one like Him. (**Explanation: There is nothing like unto Him, there is no similarity whatsoever between the creator and His creation in essence, in attributes or in deed.**) [Q42/11].

Focal Point

As we all know that, Allah is our creator and the creator of the whole universe and its habitants. Allah could easily have said that and stopped there and it would have been enough for us, but He gave numerous examples in Quran as seen above that what and why He created us ,heavens and the earth and bestowed so much favors to us. The thing to ponder is that Allah is reminding us again and again through His words that He created us and the whole universe for a purpose. That is to test us that who believes in Him, His Messengers and books and follow His commandments. For that He not only sent Messengers and His books but gave us eyes, ears, intellect to think and recognize Him. We have to return to Him after our death and we all have to give answer and accountability of every deed we did in this life. Based on our deeds and His true justice He will decided who enter into paradise or Hell which is eternal not like this temporary word we live in. Allah is clearly told us in Quran the difference between this worldly life and the eternal hereafter life in these four beautiful verses.

- a) Wealth and children are attraction/adornment of this worldly life but the enduring/honorable good deeds are better to your Rabb and hold for you a better hope for salvation [Quran Al-Kahaf, Ayah 46].

- b) You prefer the life of this world, but the Hereafter is better and more enduring/everlasting. [Quran Al-Aala, Ayah 16, 17].
- c) And the worldly life is not but amusement and diversion; but the home of the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allah, so will not reason? [Quran Al-Anam, Ayah 32].
- d) This worldly life is only [temporary] enjoyment, and indeed, the Hereafter-that is the home of [permanent] settlement. [Quran Al-Momin, Ayah 39.]

May Allah give us the ability to recognize our Rabb, follow His messengers, books and His commandments so that He is pleased with us and reward us paradise, the ultimate success. Ameen.