

Points to Ponder from the Qur'an

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Suratul Fatihah. Opening chapter of the Quran, 5th Surah to be revealed.

- 👍 The purpose of the life of a believer is encapsulated in the first few verses. We declare Allah as our Master, A compassionate, Merciful and a Just one, so Merciful and Just that we submit our entire lives to Him and we declare our servitude or slavery to Him, thus Our purpose in life is to be the best possible slave of our most beneficent and all-Merciful Master and Creator.
- 👍 We also are told of the archetypes and example we ought to follow, "those who you have favoured" from amongst the Prophets, Siddiqeen, (Companions of the Prophet sallahu alaihi wasallam) Shuhadaa (those who have expended their lives for Allah and Pious, in other words if you wish to follow anyone , then follow those who have passed on successfully, So really Don't look for trendsetters in society today, rather follow the examples of our predecessors.

Surah Baqarah, A Madani Surah i.e. revealed after Hijrah

- 👍 In the initial ayaat , Allah dedicates 2-3 Ayaat to describe the characteristics of true believers, Muttaqin. Two ayaat describe the non-believers , however, 13 Ayaat are reserved to describe those who are "neither here nor there" Hypocrites. One particular characteristic Allah Ta'ala explains, is that :
*"When it is said to them: "Believe as the People believe:" They say: "Shall we believe as the fools believe?" Behold! **they are the fools, but they do not know.**"*

i.e. the hypocrites referred to the Sahabah RadhiyAllahu anhum as *fools*, Allah retorted by saying *"Behold! (Instead) **they are the fools**"*, which according to scholars is a very unique rebuttal in this way that it signifies that whatever the Sahabah are referred to, Allah responds with the very same , hence if one refers to the Sahabah R.A, as foolish then in fact **they** (the detractors of the Sahabah) are foolish, and if one calls the Sahabah Righteous then The Creator, will refer to them as Righteous, and Allah forbid , if one calls them "Kaafir" then in fact their detractors carry the risk of being hailed "Kaafir" by Allah.

- 👍 Verse 165 "Yet there are men who take others besides Allah, as equal (with Allah). **They love them as they should love Allah.** But those of faith are overflowing in their love for Allah. If only the unrighteous could see, behold, they would see the penalty; that to Allah belongs all power, and Allah will strongly enforce the penalty."

Whatever we as believers love in this world should in fact be a channel and catalyst towards the love of ALLAH, thus there is a beautiful Dua of Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam which captures this spirit:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَا يَنْفَعُنِي حُبَّهُ عِنْدَكَ ، اللَّهُمَّ مَا رَزَقْتَنِي مِمَّا أُحِبُّ ، فَاجْعَلْهُ لِي قُوَّةً فِيمَا تُحِبُّ ، وَمَا زَوَيْتَ عَنِّي مِمَّا أُحِبُّ ، فَاجْعَلْهُ لِي فَرَاغًا فِيمَا تُحِبُّ

“O Allah! Grant me Your love, and the love of that which according to You, my loving it will be of benefit to me . O Allah! Whatever You have granted me from what I love, make it a means of strength for me to use in the way You love. O Allah! Whatever love (of things) You have removed from me then grant in its place the love (of things) that You love.” (Tirmidhi)

👍 Are you a follower or a trend setter???

If you are any one of the above then consider these two verses, **166/167** of Surah Baqarah

Trendsetter?????

"Then would those who are followed clear themselves of those who follow (them); they would see the penalty, and all relations between them would be cut off."

Follower?????

"And those who followed would say: "If only we had one more chance, we would clear ourselves of them, as they have cleared themselves of us." Thus will Allah show them (the fruits of) their deeds as (nothing but) regrets. Nor will there be a way for them out of the Fire."

Is it worth following someone who would discard you, sever their ties from you, wash their hands off you, would not want to know you???

If you being followed, idolised and you regard yourself as a trendsetter then, is it worth having to be belittled and cursed by your very own fans, on a day when you will have no friends , mates support to back you up???? *"ALL RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM WOULD BE CUT OFF"*

Thus will Allah show them (the fruits of) their deeds as (nothing but) regrets. Nor will there be a way for them out of the Fire.” 2:167