The Human Being: Roots of Nobility – Roots of Depravity



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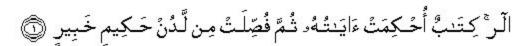
<u>Tasbeeh</u>

Surely all praise is due to Allah Lord of all created worlds, the Creator, the Developer, the One Who Gives Final Form. He is the One Who created the human being and taught him what he did not know. We seek forgiveness of Him, we seek Him for help and assistance and we turn to Him in repentance for all our wrongs. Then we do witness that there is no god except Allah and that Muhammad (saw) is His servant and messenger. May prayers and peace be on Muhammad (saw), the unlettered Prophet and on his family, his companions, his wives, his children and on all his descendants.

About the Quran

"Alif, Lam, Ra; A Book whose signs are basic then further explained in detail from One Who is Wise, Fully Aware." (translation of Quran 11:1)

Section 1



1. A. L. R.
(This is) a Book,
With verses basic or fundamental
(Of established meaning),
Further explained in detail,—
From One Who is Wise
And Well-Acquainted (with all things):

Commentary: Every basic principle is included in Allah's revelation and is further illustrated and explained in detail

"A Book We sent down to you as a blessing, so that you will carefully consider his signs and that those endowed with understanding may receive the reminder." (translation of Quran 38:29)

كِتَنبُّ أَنزَ لُنَنهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَدرَكُ لِّيَدَّبَّرُوٓاْ ءَايَنتِهِ ۦ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُوْلُواْ ٱلأَلَبَنبِ



29. (Here is) a Book which We have sent down Unto thee, full of blessings, That they may meditate On its Signs, and that Men of understanding may Receive admonition.

Yusuf Ali's commentary: Quran is among the greatest blessings that Allah has bestowed on the human being. By meditation (careful dedicated study) the human being may learn of himself and his relation to nature around him and his relation to Allah.... Those of understanding may learn the true lessons of spiritual life. Originated as a book, Became Quran when Angel Jabril began reciting it. Book is Baraka and every word and every letter.

Consider both of these ayaat as we move towards our topic and consider that Khurram Murad says in his book "Way to Quran", "Broadly speaking we may divide the study of Quran into two categories: tadhakkur (meditate) and tadabbur (incorporate?, harder to do; Allah puts it first), after the Quranic verse ... (38: 29)

You may read what he says about these two categories on pages 77 - 79 of the book. Insha Allah, we will go over this on Friday.

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"Oh you human ones, if you are in doubt about the resurrection, then surely We created you from dry earth, then from an ejected fluid, then from a clot, then from a lump of flesh partly formed and partly unformed so that We may make thing clear to you. ..." (translation of Quran 22: 5)

يَتَأَيُّهَا ٱلنَّاسُ إِن كُنتُمُ فِي رَيْبٍ مِّنَ ٱلْبَعْثِ فَإِنَّا خَلَقُنَدِكُم مِّن تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِن تُطُفَةٍ وَغَيْرٍ مُخَلَّقَةٍ وَغَيْرٍ مُخَلَّقَةٍ لِنَّبَيِّنَ لَكُمُ مِن تُطُفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِن عُضْغَةٍ مُّخَلَّقَةٍ وَغَيْرٍ مُخَلَّقَةٍ لِنَّبَيِّنَ لَكُمُ مِن تُطُفَةٍ وَغَيْرٍ مُخَلَّقَةٍ لِنَّبَيِّنَ لَكُمُ مِن تُطُفِّلًا وَنُقِرُ فِي ٱلْأَرْحَامِ مَا نَشَآءُ إِلَى ٓ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمَّى ثُمَّ نُخْرِ جُكُم طِفُلًا ثُمَّ لِقَبُلُغُواْ أَشُدَّكُم مَّ مَا نَشَآءُ إِلَى ٓ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمَّى ثُم مَّن يُرَدُّ إِلَى ٓ أَرُدَلِ ثُمَّ لِتَبُلُغُواْ أَشُدَّكُم مَّ مَن يُرَدُّ إِلَى ٓ أَرُدَلِ ثُمُ لِيَتَوفَقَىٰ وَمِنكُم مَّ مَن يُرَدُّ إِلَى ٓ أَرُدَلِ اللّهَ مُن يُرَدُّ إِلَى ٓ أَرُدَلِ اللّهُ مُن يُلِولُونَ هَامِدَةً فَإِذَا لَا عَلَيْهَا ٱلْمُآءَ ٱهُتَزَّتُ وَرَبَتُ وَأَنْبَتَتُ مِن كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ۞ أَنزَلُنَا عَلَيْهَا ٱلْمُآءَ ٱهُتَزَّتُ وَرَبَتُ وَأَنْبَتَتُ مِن كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ۞ أَنزَلُنَا عَلَيْهَا ٱلْمُآءَ ٱهُتَزَّتُ وَرَبَتُ وَأَنْبَتَتُ مِن كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ۞

5. O mankind! if ye have A doubt about the Resurrection, (Consider) that We created you Out of dust, then out of Sperm, then out of a leech-like Clot, then out of a morsel Of flesh, partly formed And partly unformed, in order That We may manifest (Our power) to you; And We cause whom We will To rest in the wombs For an appointed term, Then do We bring you out As babes, then (foster you) That ye may reach your age Of full strength; and some Of you are called to die, And some are sent back To the feeblest old age,

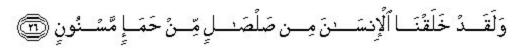
So that they know nothing
After having known (much),
And (further), thou seest
The earth barren and lifeless,
But when We pour down
Rain on it, it is stirred
(To life), it swells,
And it puts forth every kind
Of beautiful growth (in pairs).

Allah began the creation of the physical human being from "turaab" to which water was added. This became "teen" or sticky clay (earth is female; water is mal). There were 6 stages to our original creation and we were given final form on the 6th day – yaum ul jumuati.

- 1. Stage 1 turaab (dry earth) 22: 5 See above.
- 2. Stage 2 teen (wet clay) 6: 2

2. He it is Who created You from clay, and then Decreed a stated term (For you). And there is In His Presence another Determined term; yet Ye doubt within yourselves!

3. Stage 3 – hamaa'i (mud) 15: 26

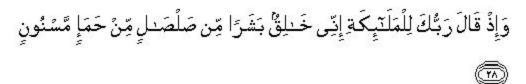


26. We created man from sounding clay, From mud moulded into shape;

<u>Yusuf Ali's commentary to Surah 15: 26:</u> ...man's body was formed from wet clay moulded into shape and then dried until it could emit sound (perhaps referring to speech);

it was ten further fashioned and completed; then into the animal form thus fashioned was breathed the Spirit of Allah, which gave it a superiority over other creation..."

4. Stage 4 – masnoon (molded mud) 15: 28



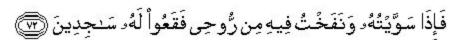
28. Behold! thy Lord said To the angels: "I am about To create man, from sounding clay From mud moulded into shape;

5. Stage 5 – salsaalin (sounding clay, like dried pottery yhat emits sound) 55: 14



14. He created man From sounding clay Like unto pottery,

6. Stage 6 – insertion of the ruh (38: 72)



72. "When I have fashioned him (In due proportion) and breathed Into him of My spirit, Fall ye down in obeisance Unto him."

Read Surah 15: 28 - 29 and consider the following:

Note here the emphasis is on 3 points:

- 1. The breathing of Allah's spirit into the human one the faculty of God-like knowledge and will, which if rightly used would give the human being superiority over other creatures. If follow this pure ruh, it creates our superiority. It relates to the kalb, which can be corrupted; can even be sealed off from messages from spirit.
- 2. The origin of evil in arrogance and jealousy on the part of Shaitan, who saw only the lower side of the human and failed to see the higher side. (Sura Al Kaf)
- 3. This evil only touches those who yield to it and has no power over Allah's sincere servants.

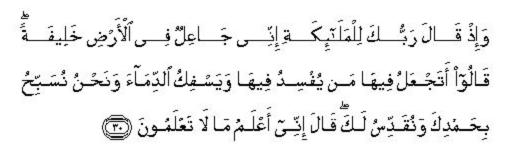
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At this juncture some attention needs to be given to the "ruh" and there are many references in Quran to this with relation to the Angel Jibreel, the ruh given to strengthen Prophet 'Eesaa (as), etc. (Read Surah 17: 85 – about the ruh)

85. They ask thee concerning The Spirit (of inspiration). Say: "The Spirit (cometh) By command of my Lord: Of knowledge it is only A little that is communicated To you, (O men!)"

Obviously Allah has various expressions of His ruh and each being is given a certain nobility as a result of that presence. Before the insertion of the ruh into the human being, Angels were concerned about our creation.

Surah 2: 30



30. Behold, thy Lord said to the angels: "I will create A vicegerent on earth." They said: "Wilt Thou place therein one who will make Mischief therein and shed blood?—Whilst we do celebrate Thy praises And glorify Thy holy (name)?"
He said: "I know what ye know not."

What knowledge did the Angels have that caused them to question Allah?

How could they know what would happen? Saw what happened to Jinn? Knew what happens when combine earth and water?

What did Allah know that the Angels didn't?

Allah knew His nature that He had breathed in. Were the Angels correct in their estimation of the outcome of human creation? What happened after this dialogue? (2:31-34)

وَعَلَّمَ ءَادَمَ ٱلْأَسْمَآءَ كُلُّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمُ عَلَى ٱلْمَلَتِ بِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنْبِعُونِي بِأَسْمَآءِ هَنَوُّلَآءِ إِن كُنتُمْ صَدِقِينَ ﴿

31. And He taught Adam the nature Of all things; then He placed them Before the angels, and said: "Tell Me The nature of these if ye are right."

قَالُواْ سُبُحَدنَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمُتَنَاًّ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ ٱلْعَلِيمُ اللَّهَ اللَّهَا عَلَّمُتَنَا اللَّهِ اللَّهَ الْعَلِيمُ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ اللَّهُ اللَّالِمُ الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّلَّا الللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ اللّهُ

32. They said: "Glory to Thee: of knowledge We have none, save what Thou Hast taught us: in truth it is Thou Who art perfect in knowledge and wisdom."

قَالَ يَنْ عَادَمُ أَنْبِئُهُم بِأَسْمَآبِهِم فَلَمَّآ أَنْبَأَهُم بِأَسْمَآبِهِم قَالَ أَلَمُ أَقُل لَّكُمُ إِنِّى أَعُلَمُ غَيْبَ ٱلسَّمَوَتِ وَٱلْأَرُضِ وَأَعْلَمُ مَا تُبُدُونَ وَمَا كُنتُمُ تَكُتُمُونَ ٣

33. He said: "O Adam! tell them Their natures." When he had told them, God said: "Did I not tell you That I know the secrets of heaven And earth, and I know what ye reveal And what ye conceal?"

وَإِذْ قُلُنَا لِلُمَلَثِيِكَةِ ٱسُجُدُواْ لِأَدَمَ فَسَجَدُوٓاْ إِلاَّ إِبُلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَٱسُتَكُبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ ٱلْكَلِهِ رِينَ ٢

34. And behold, We said to the angels:

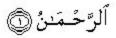
"Bow down to Adam: "and they bowed down:

Not so Iblīs: he refused and was haughty:

He was of those who reject Faith.

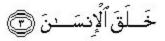
Shaitan had knowledge, sitting in front of Allah, but rejected it. First step to kufr is to abandon salah.

Now let's take a short detour away from Surah tul Baqarah to Surah Rahmaan (55). Read ayaat 1-4. Note the reference to "bayaan" – clear communication.

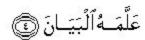


1. (God) Most Gracious!

2. It is He Who has Taught the Qur-ān.



3. He has created man:

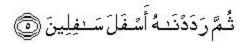


4. He has taught him speech (And Intelligence).

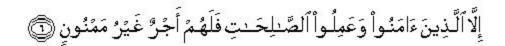
Allah puts himself first; and the aspect is His mercy, then gave Quran, then created Quran, then human given intelligent speech. Take a few moments to note what gives human being their distinction. Try to get 5.

<u>Then read:</u> Surah 95: 4 -6

4. We have <u>indeed</u> created man In the best of moulds,



5. Then do We abase him (To be) the lowest Of the low.—



6. Except such as believe And do righteous deeds: For they shall have A reward unfailing.

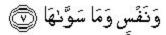
We are abased when we make the wrong choice.

Surah 17: 70

70. We have honoured the sons (wrong translation; it's children) Of Adam; provided them

With transport on land and sea; Given them for sustenance things Good and pure; and conferred On them special favours, Above a great part Of Our Creation.

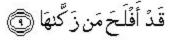
Surah 91: 7 – 10



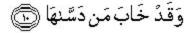
7. By the Soul, And her proportion and order Given to her;

فَأَلُهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقُوَىٰهَا 🚳

8. And her enlightenment As to its wrong And its right;—



9. Truly she succeeds That purifies it,



10. And he fails That corrupts it!

Then return to Surah 2: 34 – 38

وَإِذْ قُلُنَا لِلْمَلَتَبِكَةِ ٱسُجُدُواْ لِأَدَمَ فَسَجَدُوٓاْ إِلاَّ إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَٱسُتَكُبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ ٱلْكَنفِرِينَ

34. And behold, We said to the angels: "Bow down to Adam: "and they bowed down: Not so Iblīs: he refused and was haughty: He was of those who reject Faith.

وَقُلْنَا يَنَادَمُ ٱسْكُنَ أَنتَ وَزَوُجُكَ ٱلْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَقُلْنَا يَنَادَمُ ٱلسُّحِرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ ٱلظَّلِمِينَ وَلَا تَقُرَبَا هَدِذِهِ ٱلشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ ٱلظَّلِمِينَ

35. We said: "O Adam! dwell thou And thy wife in the Garden; And eat of the bountiful things therein As (where and when) ye will; but approach not this tree, Or ye run into harm and transgression."

> فَأَزَلَّهُمَا ٱلشَّيُطَانُ عَنُهَا فَأَخُرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ وَقُلْنَا ٱهُبِطُوا بَعُضُكُمُ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوُّ وَلَكُمْ فِي ٱلْأَرْضِ مُسْتَقَرُّ وَمَتَاعُ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ



36. Then did Satan make them slip From the (Garden), and get them out Of the state (of felicity) in which They had been. We said: "Get ye down, all (ye people), With enmity between yourselves. On earth will be your dwelling-place And your means of livelihood—For a time."

فَتَلَقَّىٰ ءَادَمُ مِن رَّبِّهِ عَلَيْهِ كَلِمَنتِ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ وَهُو ٱلتَّوَّابُ ٱلرَّحِيمُ ۞

37. Then learnt Adam from his Lord Words of inspiration, and his Lord Turned towards him; for He Is Oft-Returning, Most Merciful.

قُلْنَا ٱهْبِطُواْ مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا ۗ فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُم مِّنِي هُدَى فَمَن تَبِعَ هُدَاىَ فَلَا خَوَفُ عَلَيْهِمُ وَلَا هُمْ يَحُزَنُونَ ٢

38. We said: "Get ye down all from here; And if, as is sure, there comes to you Guidance from Me, whosoever Follows My guidance, on them Shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

and then Surah 7: 27

يَىبَنِىٓ ءَادَمَ لَا يَفُتِنَنَّكُمُ ٱلشَّيُطَنُ كَمَآ أَخُرَجَ أَبَوَيُكُم مِّنَ ٱلْجَنَّةِ يَنزِعُ عَنُهُمَا لِبَاسَهُمَا لِيُرِيَهُمَا سَوُءَ تِهِمَا ۗ إِنَّهُ و يَرَىٰكُمُ هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ و مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا تَرَوُنَهُمُّ إِنَّا جَعَلُنَا ٱلشَّيَعِطِينَ أَوْلِيَآءَ لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ۚ

27. O ye Children of Adam!
Let not Satan seduce you,
In the same manner as
He got your parents out
Of the Garden, stripping them
Of their raiment, to expose
Their shame: for he
And his tribe watch you
From a position where ye
Cannot see them: We made

The Evil Ones friends (Only) to those without Faith.

Now you can, insha Allah, answer the following questions:

What gives us honor and nobility? The ruh Allah put in us; then knowledge and the ability to know what is right; and our ability to choose.

What is our greatest fault or weakness? The Shaitan causes us to slip just by talking; we can be corrupted. The arrogance preceded the disobedience. Was there from the time Adam was created. The Angels immediately asked forgiveness; Adam and Hawa did after sinned and were punished.

Shall we continue next session to further explore the "nafs"?