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From A Purpose To The Purpose

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Why are you leaving? You have a home, job, good easy life? – Movement is Divine & Prophetic!

Most people get comfortable & rooted in their lives & routines, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. However, repetitive mundane schedules & practices can make life a monotonous chore & often lead to a life of purposelessness. **Every day He is bringing about a matter (55:29)**

Life is about change, transformation, growth, challenges - not just stability, safety or ease.

The Prophet ﷺ left his home, Makkah; without which though the triumph of Islam would not have occurred. Ibrahim عليه السلام travelled between Syria, Egypt, Palestine & Makkah. Yusuf عليه السلام travelled through Palestine & Egypt, Sulayman & Dhul Qarnayn عليه السلام the world – **None Remained Stagnant!**

Travel through the land and observe how he began creation (29:20)

The Muhajirin loved Makkah, the Ansar loved Madinah, but look at where most of them are buried? Syria, Palestine, Istanbul... Imam Shafi عليه السلام left Iraq for Egypt, Imam Bukhari عليه السلام traversed the world. Marvel at the migration of animals, seasons & understand that life is about movement.

And these days (of varying conditions) We alternate among the people (3:140)

A purposeful life is about perpetual physical, emotional, intellectual & spiritual change.

O our Lord, you did not create this aimlessly; exalted are You (3:191)

So, have they not travelled through the earth and have hearts by which to reason and ears by which to hear? (22:46)

What's your purpose? Holiday? What are you trying to achieve? – Purpose Through Struggles!

For many, the purpose of life is to sleep, eat, drink, marry, kids, career, house, car & enjoy life. For them purpose is always about bigger, better & more, but is that truly the purpose of life?

Did you think We created you without purpose, & that you will not be brought back to Us? (23:115)

- Muslims seek a greater purpose in life; we have something to contribute & achieve.
- Muslims realise we are not just another number, arbitrary soul, a randomness or mistake.
- Muslims recognise we have a purpose higher than animals.

I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me (51:56)

Our purpose centres on worshipping & remembering Allah ﷻ

He is the One who created death & life to test you as to which of you is best in deeds (67:2)

Life is not aimless, it's a temporary test that reveals character, choices, and devotion.

Indeed, I will place a successor on earth (2:30)

You are entrusted with moral responsibility, to cultivate, protect, and lead with justice.

We certainly created man in the best of stature (95:4)

Humans are uniquely honoured with intellect & soul, meant for higher purpose, not base desires.

Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most upright (17:9)

Purpose is not self-invented, the Qur'an offers a clear, divine framework for living.

We sent Our messengers with clear signs and sent down with them the Book and the Balance so that people may uphold justice (57:25)

We're part of a Prophetic legacy, to be agents of justice, ethics, and divine mercy on earth.

Therefore, our **PURPOSE is to truly know Allah ﷻ, worship Him, remember Him, serve creation, uphold justice, & return to Him in a state of integrity, purity & submission - **ARE YOU?****

Purpose is Actively Sought – Has the life story of Musa reached you? (20:9)

Musa ﷺ grew up in luxury, comfort, health, education, seat of power, adopted son of Firawn. Was this his purpose? Musa ﷺ accidentally kills someone, then a fear, concern makes him question his purpose, so he leaves everything. Musa ﷺ doesn't know what's going to happen, so he ends up wandering far away in Madyan, until he sits beneath a tree & calls out to Allah ﷻ.

My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good You would send down to me, in need (28:24)

You may feel lost in this world, have no idea where life is going, what the next step is. Stuck in jobs or routines, wanting a real purpose in life. Be like Musa ﷺ, who with complete humility, reliance & desperation called out to Allah ﷻ seeking purpose. He finds Shuayb ﷺ, gets married gets a job.

Purpose in Stepping Stones – After 10 years of working & living simply, now with his family Musa عليه السلام walks through the desert seeking **A GREATER PURPOSE**, he sees a fire, a symbol, a call...

So, he says, let me see what's over there, get guidance, information **(20:10)**

Purpose Comes Through Transitions, Confusion & Searching - **NOT** sitting at home comfortably.

Your desert is not a detour; it's a divine design. Like Musa عليه السلام your confusion may be the cradle of your calling. Don't wait for purpose to come to you, start walking, seeking & you may just find it.

Musa عليه السلام was removed from everything that was familiar; his status, community, safety & luxury. Only then in this confusion & transition, Musa عليه السلام receives his clearest purpose.

He goes to the fire, when he reaches it, he gets the calling – **HIS PURPOSE**

And when he came to it, he was called, O Moses. Indeed, I am your Lord, remove your sandals.
Indeed, you are in the sacred valley of Tuwa **(20:12)**

Have You Arrived, Heard The Call, Removed Your Self To Meet Allah سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ To Find Your Purpose?

I have **CHOSEN** to you so – **PAY CLOSE ATTENTION** – if you want to find your purpose –

What have you left for Allah? Have you listened? We listen at Interviews, Airports, Results, Baby's Cry, but do we truly listen to Allah سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ? You have been chosen & created specifically by Allah سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ, but you must listen to His calling, not just with ears, but with your heart & then follow your purpose.

Listen to your calling, infuse it, allow it to permeate through your heart, drown out the noise.

Indeed, I am Allah. There is no deity except Me, so worship Me & establish prayer for My remembrance (20:14)

Allah ﷻ is calling you saying; I'm here, I know, I Understand, I Alleviate, I Provide, I Protect, I Guide. Most of our purposes in life are worldly, thus, we often find ourselves hollow & lacking direction.

- **Career Success** - You get the job, title, cheque, but your soul still aches.
- **Chasing Wealth** - The more money, the more you fear losing it, no peace, only pressure.
- **Social Media Fame** - Likes don't love you & attention doesn't give you purpose.
- **Escapism** - Still anxious, restless, entertainment can numb you but never nourish you.
- **Academic Achievement** - Knowledge without soul becomes arrogance or anxiety, not purpose.

We keep chasing these goals because we think they'll give us purpose, but they won't.

Transitions are terrifying, they rock our foundations & put us into uncertainty, but purpose rarely comes to the still. If you're transitioning to Allah ﷻ, then it's never frightening, because you know with certainty that your **PURPOSE & GOAL IS ALLAH ﷻ**

To your Lord is the finality (53:42) Worship your Lord until there comes to you certainty (15:99)

Musa عليه السلام is given a task to go to Firawn, a monumental task, yet he realises his limitations. Even when you find purpose, it can still be overwhelming, you can still have self doubt/weakness.

Musa عليه السلام says, Ya Allah, you're giving me this task, but expand my chest, grant me ease, open the knot in my tongue, grant me power & clarity in my speech. (20:25-35)

Having purpose, doesn't mean it's easy or you must traverse that path alone. So, Musa عليه السلام seeks support from his brother Haaron عليه السلام, not just to have his back, but for The True Purpose.

So, we may exalt You abundantly & remember You abundantly. Indeed, You are of us ever Seeing.

The Remembrance of Allah سُبْحَانَكَ in your life is **THE PURPOSE, not Firawn, not yourself or Dunya.**

Allah عِزُّكَ is Our Purpose, His Worship is Our Purpose, His Remembrance is Our Purpose

How much do you truly remember Allah سُبْحَانَكَ within you & around you VS Family, Work, Dunya?

TRAVEL FROM A PURPOSE OF DUNYA TO THE PURPOSE OF YOUR EXISTENCE – ALLAH

In my 13 years here, together we have been on a sacred journey from a purpose to The Purpose. Musa عليه السلام had to lose himself to find Allah سُبْحَانَكَ, so like Musa عليه السلام we must leave our comforts, realign our Nafs, seek the light, remove our shoes, filter the noise, listen attentively with our hearts, & realise our calling & purpose in life is Allah's Dhikr.

Remember Him, He'll Remember You - In His Remembrance You'll Find Your Purpose

Allama Iqbal

**Beyond the stars are more worlds yet to be found
There are more tests of love that still abound**

**These skies are not void of life's treasure
There are still many caravans beyond measure**

**Do not be content with this world of hue
There are more gardens, more nests waiting for you**

**If one nest is lost, do not despair
There are still many places for sighs and care**

**You are a falcon, your task is to soar
There are yet more skies for you to explore**

**Don't get entangled in this night and day
For your destiny holds other array**

**Gone are the days when I was alone in the crowd
Now there are others who share my secrets aloud**

ستاروں سے آگے جہاں اور بھی ہیں
ابھی عشق کے امتحان اور بھی ہیں
تہی زندگی سے نہیں یہ فضائیں
یہاں سینکڑوں کارواں اور بھی ہیں
قناعت نہ کر عالم رنگ و بو پر
چمن اور بھی، آشیاں اور بھی ہیں
اگر کھو گیا اک نشیمن تو کیا عم
مقامات آہ و فغاں اور بھی ہیں
تو شاہیں ہے، پرواز ہے کام تیرا
ترے سامنے آسماں اور بھی ہیں
اسی روز و شب میں الجھ کر نہ رہ جا
کہ تیرے زمان و مکاں اور بھی ہیں
گئے دن کہ تنہا تھا میں انجمن میں
یہاں اب مرے راز داں اور بھی ہیں

Travel, and you will find a replacement for the one you part from;

Strive hard, for the sweetness of life lies in struggle

Leave your homeland in pursuit of high aims,

And travel - for in travel are five benefits:

Relief from sorrow, gain of livelihood,

Knowledge, noble manners, and noble companionship

If not for trials, all people would be considered leaders,

For the sword is only polished on the battlefield

Exile is better than the company of fools,

And silence is better than speech not grounded in truth

Let the days do as they will,

Be at peace when fate decrees,

Do not despair over the calamities of nights,

For nothing in this world's trials will last forever.

سافر تجد عوضا عن تفارقه
وانصب فإن لذيد العيش في النصب

تغرب عن الأوطان في طلب العلى
وسافر ففي الأسفار خمس فوائد
تفرج همّ واكتساب معيشة
وعلم واداب وصحبة ماجد

ولولا المصائب لساد الناس كلهم
فالسيف لا يصقل إلا في مواقعه

الغربة خير من مجالسة السفهاء
والسكوت خير من كلام في غير حق

دع الأيام تفعل ما تشاء
وطب نفسا إذا حكم القضاء
ولا تجزع لحادثة الليالي
فما لحوادث الدنيا بقاء

Until we meet again In-Shaa'Allah – Imam Ghulam Moyhuddin

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ فِي هَذَا الْمَسْجِدِ وَأَهْلِهِ وَاحْفَظْهُمْ
وَاجْمَعْنا عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أودعهم جسدًا لا قلبًا وأفارقهم صوتًا لا دعاءً
فكن أنت الرابط بيننا والمجيب لرجائنا

**O Allah, bless this mosque and all who dwell inside,
Protect them always, in You may they abide.
Unite us in obedience, both now and beyond,
In this world and the next, in Your mercy so fond.**

**Though I leave them in body, not in heart,
Though my voice may fall silent, my prayers never part.
Be the bond that holds us close when we're far,
The One who answers each hope, each heartfelt Du'a, Aameen**