

**“The key to your happiness  
has been presented to you.”**

All of these trials and tribulations lead up to a divine conclusion. **“So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord.”** [Qur’ān 18:110]. An inevitable point; wherein the deeds of the people are weighed in accordance with the will of their creator. The successful one is rewarded for his obedience while the negligent one is punished for his transgressions.

All of this occurs in order to establish the type of justice which is worthy of the perfection which is personified in the Creator. **“He is Allāh, the Creator, the Inventor of all things, the Fashioner. To Him belong the Best Names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.”** [Qur’ān 59:24].

How can we say that the Creator is truly just, unless He can establish true justice? How can He establish true justice without allowing injustice to exist? So the presence of injustice, transgression, and oppression amongst the creation does not prevent us from recognizing the perfect wisdom of the Creator since all of these things give Him the opportunity to reestablish justice between the creation by reconciling the injustices and transgressions of the people during the life of this world or in the Hereafter.

So none of the deeds of mankind will be unaccounted for; and there are none who can reestablish true justice other than Him. **“And We shall set up balances of justice on the Day of Resurrection, and then none will be dealt with unjustly in anything. And if there be the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it forth. And Sufficient are We as Reckoners.”** [Qur’ān 21:47].

So there indeed exists great wisdom behind events that are commonly perceived as being evil. **“And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, and the loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to the patient.”** [Qur’ān 2:155]. And yes, the drama that we experience regularly is really scripted. **“No calamity occurs upon the earth or within yourselves except that it is inscribed in the Book of Decrees, before We bring it into existence. Verily, that is easy for Allāh.”** [Qur’ān 57:22].

But for the one who comprehends his or her true purpose for existence and understands the reasons why he or she is tested, then this person is better able to cope, better prepared to succeed, less likely to be overwhelmed, and more likely to be happy and contented in life.

So if you find yourself experiencing a sense of emptiness and unhappiness that is unaffected by your, wealth, status, and various relationships, then perhaps it is time for you to consider another alternative. Maybe it is time for you to commit yourself to the practice of the Prophets and fulfill your purpose of life?

This commitment begins with a simple expression. This commitment begins with the statement: **“I bear witness that there is nothing deserving of worship except for Allāh. And I further bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allāh.”**

This short statement of belief acknowledges both the singular message of monotheism which was propagated by all of the prophets and at the same time confirms the finality of Muhammad’s prophethood and legislation. This short statement of belief opens the door to a life of purpose, happiness, and contentment based upon the ability to navigate life with a sense of direction, boundaries, expectations, and knowledge as to why things happen in life.

This statement, which in many ways represents the key to happiness, has been laid down before you. Anyone and everyone is free to use this key. However, in order to truly benefit from it, an individual must not merely use it to unlock the door. But rather the door must be unlocked, opened, and entered completely. **“O you who believe, enter into obedience wholeheartedly.”** [Qur’ān 2:208] So take this key, use it, and walk through the door which it unlocks. The key to your happiness has been presented to you. But the choice of whether to use it or not is completely up to you. **“The truth is from your Lord. So let those who wish to believe in it do so, and let those who wish to reject it do so.”** [Qur’ān 18:29].

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Peace be upon those who follow the guidance

# WHY AM I STILL? UNHAPPY?



What happens when you  
obtain worldly fame  
and fortune, and are  
still left feeling empty?



**Why am I still unhappy?** If you find yourself asking this question, chances are that you have probably realized that worldly success, money, fame, clothes, cars, and an attractive companion do not always produce sustained happiness or even the desired results. In fact, you may have all of these things or many of them but you still find yourself unhappy or somewhat empty.

Perhaps true happiness should be sought elsewhere? Perhaps true happiness is to be found fulfilling the very reason for which we were created? The age-old question regarding the purpose of life often goes unanswered. And while many people offer unsolicited conjecture, hollow platitudes, and independent speculation regarding the true purpose of life, there is an answer that has been preserved in a few words of scripture.

**“And I [Allāh] have not created the spirits nor mankind except that they should worship Me.”** [*Qur’ān* 51:56] This single verse from the *Qur’ān* defines mankind's primary responsibility, and addresses the basic purpose for which people were created. But just as people have been created for worship, they have also been given the option to refuse this responsibility and choose for themselves another path. **“And whoever disbelieves will bear the burden of his disbelief, and whoever performs acts of righteousness will have prepared something special for themselves.”** [*Qur’ān* 30:44]. **“There is no compulsion in religion; true guidance has been made distinct from error. So whoever disbelieves in false deities and believes in Allāh has grasped the most trustworthy handhold that will never break.”** [*Qur’ān* 2:256].

And mankind is able to fulfill this significant responsibility by embracing it and applying the prophetic instructions regarding it: **“And verily, We have sent among every nation a Messenger [proclaiming]: Worship only Allāh, and avoid everything that is worshipped besides Him.”** [*Qur’ān* 16:36]. So through worshipping the Creator exclusively in the manner which He has prescribed, people can achieve success in this life based upon the fulfillment of their original purpose and are thus rewarded in the life to come. **“And whoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger, fears Allāh, and keeps his duty to Him, such are the successful ones.”** [*Qur’ān* 24:52].

However, the one who ignores the message of the prophets and refuses to worship the Creator in the manner which has been

prescribed for him; then for this individual is a chastising punishment worthy of the presumptuous crime of denying the sole Creator of the heavens and the earth His individual right to worship. **“Whoever brings a good deed shall have ten times the like thereof to his credit, and whoever brings an evil deed shall have only the recompense of the like thereof, and they will not be wronged.”** [*Qur’ān* 6:160].

All of the Prophets and Messengers of the Creator were sent forth with the message of pure monotheism and likewise instructed their people to worship only the one true God, and to avoid the worship of anything else. **“And certainly We have sent to every nation a messenger, [declaring], Worship Allāh alone and avoid everything else that is worshipped besides Him.”** [*Qur’ān* 16:36] So every messenger was sent to his nation calling to this fundamental message of monotheism and worship. **“And We have not sent any messenger before you [Muhammad] except that We revealed to him: ‘There is no god but Me, so worship Me’.”** [*Qur’ān* 21:25]

And everything from the creation will return to the Creator as a worshipper. **“Certainly everything in the heavens or upon the earth will come before the Lord of Mercy as a worshipper. He has counted them all and has numbered them exactly. And each one of them will return to Him on the Day of Resurrection alone.”** [*Sūrah Maryam* 19:93-95].

And the prophets are often described as worshippers or servants of Allāh which is from the most praiseworthy characteristics that can be used to describe the descendants of Adam. For this reason we read: **“...Noah: certainly he was truly a thankful worshipper.”** [*Qur’ān* 17:3] as well as: **“And mention Our worshipper Job.”** [*Qur’ān* 38:41] And we find a similar description attributed to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the passage: **“And mention Our worshippers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all of them men of strength and foresight.”** [*Qur’ān* 38:45] David is also mentioned in this context as well as his son Solomon. **“And mention Our worshipper David, a man of strength who always turned to Us.”** [*Qur’ān* 38:17] **“And We blessed David with Solomon. He was an excellent worshipper who consistently turned to God.”** [*Qur’ān* 38:30].

Just as the prophets who preceded him, Jesus the son of Mary is also described with the praiseworthy characteristic of worship and servitude to the Creator of the heavens and earth.

**“The Messiah would never despise being a worshipper of Allāh, nor would the angels who are close to Him. And whoever despises His worship and exhibits arrogance will be gathered together before Him.”** [*Qur’ān* 4:172]

This characteristic of worship as it relates to Jesus, is further emphasized in the statement: **“He [Jesus the son of Mary] declared: ‘I am a worshipper of Allāh. He has given me the Book; and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I may be. He instructed me with prayer and charity as long as I live; and to be dutiful to my mother. He did not make me overbearing or wretched. Peace was upon me the day I was born, and will be upon me the day I die and the day that I am brought back to life once again.’ Such was Jesus, son of Mary [this is] a statement of truth about which they are in doubt.”** [*Qur’ān* 19:30-34].

And even the final prophet sent forth unto mankind is referred to with the praiseworthy description of worshipper. **“It is He who has sent down upon His worshipper [Muhammad] clear signs, so that He may bring you from the depths of darkness into the light; Allāh is truly compassionate and merciful with you.”** [*Qur’ān* 57:9].

But the role of the prophet is not restricted to worship. Rather, the prophets also conveyed the legislation of their Creator unto mankind and called the creation to observe it and uphold it. **“Say: ‘We believe in Allāh and in what was sent down to us and what was sent down to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribes, and what was given to Moses, Jesus, and all the prophets by their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we humbly submit ourselves to Him.’”** [*Qur’ān* 2:136].

And each of the prophets called to a specific legislation. **“To each, We have designated a law and a methodology.”** [*Qur’ān* 5:48] And it is through the legislation of the Creator, that mankind will be judged. **“And He sent with them the Scripture with the truth, to judge between the people in the matters in which they differ...”** [*Qur’ān* 2: 213] **“Indeed, We sent our messengers with clear signs, and We revealed to them the Scripture and the scale, so that people could establish justice.”** [*Qur’ān* 57:25].

So our existence is an earthly examination, consisting of a series of decisions, situations, and complexities that we all call life. **“Do people think that they will be left alone saying: ‘We believe’, and will not be tested.”** [*Qur’ān* 29:2].