

الحمدُ لله الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسْوَى، وَالَّذِي قَدَّرَ فَهَدَى، وَالَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَنَا مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ
وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ نِعْمَةً مِنْهُ وَفَضلاً، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ اصْطَفَاهُ وَاجْتَبَاهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ
عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ، وَفِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ وَحِينٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ
الطَّاهِرِينَ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

All Praise to Allah Who has created the heavens and the earth as blessings and bounties to mankind. I testify that there is no god but Allah and that Prophet Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon our Prophet at all times, his family, his companions and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment

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Rights of Allah

Rights of People

Parents-Children-Relatives

Neighbours-Friends-
Community

Animals-Environment

Simultaneous

Not Preferential

أَتَجْعَلُ فِيهَا مَن يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ

“Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood (2:30)

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ

“Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of] what the hands of people have earned “(30:41)

- You are **Responsible** - We are the **Guardians**
- The Qur’an is inherently environmental. Almost every page reference to the natural world: the sky, the moon, the stars, trees, fruit and vegetation. Chapters: The Cow, Cattle, The Bee, The Ant and The Spider.
- We are forgetting the Message of Creator and role of Creation

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنشَأَ جَنَّاتٍ مَّعْرُوشَاتٍ وَغَيْرَ مَعْرُوشَاتٍ وَالنَّخْلَ وَالزَّرْعَ مُخْتَلِفًا أَكُلُهُ وَالرَّيْثُونَ وَالرُّمَانَ مُتَشَابِهًا وَغَيْرَ مُتَشَابِهٍ كُلُوا مِن ثَمَرِهِ إِذَا أَثْمَرَ وَآتُوا حَقَّهُ يَوْمَ حَصَادِهِ وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

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- **Statistics:**
- Average **150** litres of tap water a day
- Turn off tap when brushing-supply **500,000** homes
- **63%** daily water consumption the bathroom and the toilet
- **35%** energy used on heating water
- Save **£400** per year by reducing
- **50%** of food thrown away **7 million tonnes**
- More food thrown away than packaging
- **86 million** chickens every year
- **24m** slices of bread, **5.8m** potatoes and **5.9m** glasses of milk
- **13%** of electricity wasted on standby
- Car emission, fossil fuels, environment
- **£700** of food wasted per year
- Building mansions – empty in Pakistan –carbon footprint

مَرَّ بِسَعْدٍ وَهُوَ يَتَوَضَّأُ فَقَالَ " مَا هَذَا السَّرْفُ " فَقَالَ أَفِي الْوَضُوءِ إِسْرَافٌ قَالَ " نَعَمْ وَإِنْ كُنْتَ عَلَى نَهْرٍ جَارٍ "

'What is this extravagance?' He said: 'Can there be any extravagance in ablution?' He said: 'Yes, even if you are on the bank of a flowing river.'

" إِنْ مِنَ السَّرْفِ أَنْ تَأْكُلَ كُلَّ مَا اشْتَهَيْتَ "

"It is extravagance to eat everything you want."
(Ibn Maja)

Responsibility & Sustainability

إِنَّ اللَّهَ طَيِّبٌ يُحِبُّ الطَّيِّبَ، نَظِيفٌ يُحِبُّ النَّظَافَةَ، كَرِيمٌ يُحِبُّ الْكَرَمَ، جَوَادٌ يُحِبُّ الْجُودَ، فَنَظِّفُوا أَفْنِيَتِكُمْ

Allah is pure and only accepts that which is pure, Allah is clean and only accepts that which is clean, Allah is generous and only accept those who are generous, so clean your homes. (Tirmidhi)

مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يَغْرِسُ غَرْسًا، أَوْ يَزْرَعُ زَرْعًا، فَيَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ طَيْرٌ أَوْ إِنْسَانٌ أَوْ بَهِيمَةٌ، إِلَّا كَانَ لَهُ بِهِ صَدَقَةٌ

"If a Muslim plants a plant or cultivates a crop, no bird or human being eats from it, without its being accounted as a rewardable charity for him." (Bukhari)

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Tawheed – Fitra – Mizan - Khalifah

In our eagerness to '**progress**' and '**develop**' we have lost sight of the finite and delicate nature of planet Earth and responsibility.

- **Tawheed:** is the fundamental statement of oneness of the Creator, from which everything else follows

وَلَهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ كُلُّ لَّهُ قَانُتُونَ

To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth, all obey his will (30:25)

تُسَبِّحُ لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ السَّبْعُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ وَإِنْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا يُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِهِ وَلَكِنْ لَّا تَفْقَهُونَ تَسْبِيحَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ حَلِيمًا غَفُورًا

- **Fitra:** describes the primordial nature of creation itself and mankind

أَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَّا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ

- **Mizan:** is the principle of the middle path or responsibility and sustainability

(55:1-12) وَالسَّمَاءَ رَفَعَهَا وَوَضَعَ الْمِيزَانَ أَلَّا تَطْغَوْا فِي الْمِيزَانِ وَأَقِيمُوا الْوَزْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا تُخْسِرُوا الْمِيزَانَ

- **Khalifah:** The role of stewardship is the sacred duty Allah has given us

(6:165) وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَكُمْ خَلَائِفَ الْأَرْضِ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَكُمْ فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ دَرَجَاتٍ لِيُبْلِغَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ

“Nor walk on the earth with insolence; for you cannot render the earth asunder, nor reach the mountains in height.” (17: 37)

Tread lightly on the earth and reduce your carbon footprint, don't indulge in activities that will cause our natural surroundings to strike back at us