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«(Satan) said (to Allāh), "I will surely take from among Your servants a specific portion. I will mislead them, give them false promises, command them so they will slit the ears of cattle, and command them so they will change the creation of Allāh." Certainly, whoever takes Satan as an ally instead of Allāh is in tremendous loss.»

[An-Nisā 3:118-119]

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**Opening Sermon**

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا  
وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ، وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

*Al-ḥamdu lillāh.* Indeed, all praise is due to Allāh. We praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allāh from our souls' evils and our wrong doings. He whom Allāh guides, no one can misguide; and he whom He misguides, no one can guide.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ. وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.

I bear witness that there is no (true) god except Allāh — alone without a partner, and I bear witness that Muḥammad (ﷺ) is His 'abd (servant) and messenger.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ،

وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ﴾ آل عمران ١٠٢

«O you who believe! Revere Allāh the right reverence, and do not die except as Muslims.»<sup>1</sup>

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ، وَخَلَقَ

مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا، وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي

تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا﴾ النساء ١

«O people! Revere your Lord who has created you from a single soul, created from it its mate, and dispersed from both of them many men and women.

1 *Āl 'Imrān* 3:102.

they are all very important for a Muslim who wishes to maintain healthy hygiene and a dignified appearance, guided in that by Allāh's revelation. In addition to the beard, we deal in depth with the issues of hair grooming, *siwāk*, circumcision, and so on.

The first edition of this book was titled "The Beard Between the *Salaf & Khalaf*". It mainly discussed the beard, and briefly went over a few other hair-related issues. Prior to the first edition, we also produced a pamphlet titled, "Shaving the Beard, a Modern Act of Effeminacy". In the current edition, ﷺ (all praise is due to Allāh), we have improved and expanded our discussion of the beard, and we believe that it is now more mature and appealing to people's understanding.

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Our Lord, forgive us and all of the believers, and bestow Your peace and praise upon our Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

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Al-Madīnah al-Munawwarah

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## CHAPTER 1

### THE *FIṬRAH* AND ITS TRAITS

#### The Human *Fiṭrah*

*Fiṭrah* is the pure nature upon which Allāh (ﷻ) creates every human being. The Messenger (ﷺ) indicates that a child is born with a pure nature, which may subsequently be blurred by self indulgence or unfavorable environmental influence. Abū Hurayrah and al-Aswad Bin Sarī (رضي الله عنه) reported that Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

« كل مولود يولد على الفطرة حتى يُعربَ عن لسانه.

فأبواه يهودانه أو ينصرانه أو يمجسانه أو يمشركانه. »

«Every child is born in the pure *fiṭrah* — until he is able to express himself. It is his parents who then make him Jew, Christian, Magian<sup>1</sup>, or pagan.»

The Prophet (ﷺ) then recited:

«فَطَرَتِ اللَّهُ الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا، لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ اللَّهِ.» الروم ٣٠

«The pure nature according to which Allāh has created the people: There is no change in Allāh's creation.»<sup>2, 3</sup>

Allāh (ﷻ) creates a person free from wrong beliefs and inclinations, and receptive to good beliefs and inclinations. His *fiṭrah* is like a clean sheet of paper with preliminary good writing, ready to be filled either with more good or else with bad writing.

1 Also, Magus: a follower of an old Persian religion, Maginism.

2 *Ar-Rūm* 30:30.

3 Recorded by al-Bukhārī, Muslim, and others.





