

IRAL GROWTH

can survive without even watching the dictates of intelligence. You become so much in accord with reality that you can walk the path without reading the sign of direction.

8. And We will make it Easy for thee (to follow) The simple (Path).

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HOLY QURAN — Yusuf Ali Translation — Surah LXXXVII: 8

Moral codes enable the common people to walk the path towards God with some degree of direction. Intellectual knowledge enables the intellectual people to walk the path with a higher degree of direction. But spiritual knowledge enables you to walk the path towards God with ease. At this high level you do not have to watch the signs because your own nature has come in accord with the moral purity and the intellectual purity.

JUDGING YOURSELF

In trying to keep this kind of concept of the three-in-one principle in the society, the Gentiles of Europe (Christians) were put on the wrong path. The ungodly of Jews (Jacob) made them to think that this natural principle meant three persons in one.

The Holy Quran speaks of the person that lives in the flesh and who has to be guided by a moral code as a person who is ruled by the forces of the flesh. The intellectual being who has formed as a thinking, intellectual person responds to intelligence rather than responding to emotions. On the intellectual plane, you take on the development of the person that the Holy Quran refers to as "the self-accusing person."

You cannot accuse yourself if you do not have any knowledge of

judgment. Once you become a person ruled by intelligence you can look at yourself and judge yourself. The person that the Holy Quran refers to as the "self that has found its rest" is the person that has moved on up to the level where he can walk freely in the world. When you reach that level, you do not feel the effects of gravity because your muscles have gotten so use to them that gravity is cancelled out.

THE PERFECT PEACE

Life is always in motion and it is always trying to find its peace. Life finds peace on a level when it finds form. But life is not satisfied with that lower level of peace and it wants to perfect its peace. That's why the peace that Allah offers us is called the perfect peace. It means that that peace has been completed or perfected and the person has reached the limit of his natural struggle. This means that he has arrived at the abode of perfect peace. When an individual reaches the level that we call the spiritual being, he is at rest. The Holy Quran says that the person on this level is well pleased with his Creator and that his Creator is well pleased with him.

MOVEMENT OF GROWTH

Growth goes vertically and horizontally and the first thing that a person must do is move upward. Moral growth is upward growth. If he doesn't find the particular relationship between himself and something else that will enable him to raise his level, he will remain on one level. He only will grow outwardly or horizontally and he never really will grow in worth or value. In order for an individual to grow in value, he has to make a perpendicular or vertical line of growth.



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Moving out horizontally to complete movement on that level, the person has to accept the Hajj, which is the fifth pillar or belief of Islam. Hajj brings the Muslim in touch with people all over the world. When the Hajj was established, it was not a worldwide community because only a local group of people were making the Hajj. So the Hajj was established to bring about a worldwide community.

ECONOMIC ORDER OF HAJJ

Since Islam is a worldwide mission, one day we will have to include in the Hajj members of the Lost-Found Nation of Islam in the West. When we do this, we will have one human economy. You may say, "I've never heard the Hajj described as an economic thing." The Hajj is an economy that has a currency that is called "zakat" or charity. So go back and study it.

Hajj establishes for us an economic order that gives us heaven or a society (a complete world) that's lifted above the ground world in human principles. This is the heavenly order because it begins from the individual connecting himself with his Creator and moving out horizontally and also growing perpendicularly to that horizontal line. This is what the old ancient cross meant. It was a sign of the universe and it meant that the universe (life creation) moves horizontally and vertically.