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INTRODUCTION

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله رب العالمين، والصلاة والسلام على
سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين

Prophet Adam (عليه السلام) is distinct in many ways. He is the father of humanity and his wife Hawwa (عليها السلام) is our mother. We are indebted to them both because it is because of them we could see Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and His creation in the Cosmos.

It is in Quran - 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 عَلَيْنَكُمْ رَقِيبًا [(O' mankind! Fear your Lord Who created you from a single Nafs (person) and from it created its spouse and from them both, has spread the multitude of men and women; fear Allah in Whose name you claim (your rights from one another) and be mindful of your blood relations; indeed Allah is always seeing you.) (An-Nisa - 1)

It is in Hadith - The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, Paradise is under the feet of mothers. (Sunan An-Nasai)

We are proud of our father Adam (عليه السلام) because he is the one whom all the angels prostrated and showed their respect.

It is in Quran - وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ [And (remember Our beneficence) when We asked the Angels to 'prostrate before Adam (عليه السلام) (Sajda-e-Tahiyya), they all prostrated except Iblis (Satan) and he was disobedient (disbeliever).] (Al-Baqara - 34)

The one who did not prostrate and submitted himself to the superiority of Adam (عليه السلام) was condemned and cursed till the day of Resurrection.

Adam (عليه السلام) and Hawwa (عليها السلام) also have the distinction of giving birth to all the Prophets of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ).

Prophet Adam's (عليه السلام) transfer from the Paradise to the planet Earth was the destiny of humanity as a whole and Prophet Adam (عليه السلام) was given the great responsibility of human habitation on this planet and to guide them the right path of Islam. And he did

his job with great resilience and humility. After his destined life on Earth, he went back to the Paradise, where he belonged along with his wife where he will have the company of his proud children. He is not responsible for those who followed the Satan and brought misery to themselves.

It is important that we know these facts and be thankful to them for the difficulties they faced single handedly to establish humanity on this planet.

When we look at the entire creation of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) in the Cosmos, we realize that Adam (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) was the **key link** between Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), the real Khalifatullah in the Cosmos. Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) chose the face of Adam (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) to manifest His best of creations in His Cosmos and said, I created Adam (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) in my image (Hadith Bukhari).

THE CREATION OF THE COSMOS

Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) is eternal and apparent (manifest). He is there from the beginning and will be there forever when everything in this Cosmos will vanish.

It is in Quran - هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ [He is the First, and the Last, He is the Manifest (apparent) and the Immanent (hidden and actually present throughout the material world) and He knows about all the things.] (Al-Hadeed - 3).

It is in Quran - وَهُوَ اللَّهُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَفِي الْأَرْضِ يَعْلَمُ سِرُّكُمْ وَجَهْرَكُمْ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَكْسِبُونَ [And He is Allah who is manifest in the heavens and the earth. He knows all your secrets and disclosures and knows about all your deeds.] (Al-An'aam - 3)

It is in Quran - كُلُّ مَنْ عَلَيْهَا فَانٍ - وَيَبْقَى وَجْهَ رَبِّكَ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ [All that there is in the Cosmos shall vanish. The Countenance (standalone) of your Lord (by Himself) shall endure, the Lord of Majesty and Glory']. (Ar-Rahman - 26-27).

What is the purpose of our creation? The answer is provided by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ).

It is in Hadith - The Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) stated that Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) said, كنت كنزاً مخفياً فأحببت أن أعرف فخلقت الخلق [I was a Hidden Treasure; then I wanted to be known; therefore, I created the creatures.]

It is in Quran - وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ [And I did not create the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.] (Adh-Dhaariyat - 56)

The contents and meaning of the above Quranic verse and Hadith are the same.

The above Hadith-e-Qudsi is extremely popular. However, its chain of transmission has not been recorded by Hadith scholars. Since the contents of the Hadith are Sahih and do not contradict with Quran, it is widely accepted by Muslims as authentic.

Three things have been mentioned in the above Hadith, as follows.

(i) Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) was a Hidden treasure (كَنْزاً مَخْفِياً).

We only came to know about Him after our creation. Before that He was known to Himself.

(ii) He wanted to be known by His creatures.

(iii) Therefore, He created all that available in this Cosmos.

Thus, the only purpose of our creation is to know Him and worship Him.

What is meaning of 'Hidden Treasure' (كَنْزاً مَخْفِياً)? The first understanding of Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) Existence, which is referred to as 'Hidden Treasure' in the above Hadith is described in the Quran.

It is in Quran - اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ - لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ - وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ [Say (O' Prophet ﷺ) Allah is one. Allah is independent. He does not have children. Nobody has given birth to him. Nobody can match Him or equal Him.] (Al-Ikhlās - 1- 4).

The Quran describes that the planets and skies were one Unit from which the entire Cosmos was created.

It is in Quran - أَوَلَمْ يَرَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا ۖ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ [Don't the Unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were joined together (as one unit of creation), before we clove them asunder? We made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe?] (Al-Anbiya - 30)

What is that one unit from which the entire Cosmos was created?

The one unit referred to in the above verse is Noor-e-Mohammadi (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم). It is established from Quran and Ahadith that Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) created the Noor of Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) first, which is the abstract form of this cosmos, and from this 'Noor' He created this entire cosmos.

It is in Hadith - It is related that Jābir Ibn Abdullah (رضى الله تعالى عنه) said to Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), 'O Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) may my father and mother be sacrificed for you, tell me the first thing Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) created before all things.' The Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, O' Jabir (رضى الله تعالى عنه), the first thing Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) created was the light of your Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) from His light. (And everything else was created from that light). (Part of the Hadith).

The above Hadith was narrated by Abdur Razzaq (d. 211 AH) in his Musannaf according to Qastallani in al-Mawahib al-Laduniyya (1:55) and Zarqani in his Sharh al-Mawahib (1:56 of the Matba`a al-Amira edition, Cairo).

There cannot be any doubt as to the reliability of Abdur Razzaq as a narrator. Bukhari took 120 narrations from him while Muslim took 400.

Biahaqi also narrated the above Hadith with a different wording in "Dala'il an-Nubuwwa, according to Zurqani in his Sharh al-Mawahib (1:56 of the Matba'a al-amira, Cairo). Also, Diyarbakri narrated it in 'Tarikh al-Khamis (1-20).

It is in Hadith - Narrated by Abu Hurayrah (رضى الله تعالى عنه). When Allah's Apostle (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) was asked since how long he is the Prophet, he replied, 'When Adam (عليه السلام) had not yet had his spirit joined to his body (Tirmidhi).

THE REASON FOR THE CREATION OF ADAM (عليه السلام)

Before the creation of Human Beings, the entire Cosmos and whatever therein was already created, including the Angels and Jinn. However, the Cosmos was incomplete without human beings.

It is in Hadith - Abu Huraira (رضى الله تعالى عنه) narrated that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, 'Allah created Adam (عليه السلام) on His image'. (Bukhari, Muslim, and others)

The meaning of the Hadith is Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) provided Adam (عليه السلام) with 7 major attributes (i) life, (ii) knowledge, (iii) seeing, (iv) hearing, (v) power, (vi) will, and (vii)

speech. All these attributes are the attributes of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). The difference is, Allah's attributes are His own, whereas the attributes of human beings are dependent on Him and are a bestowal of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) to them. This is the reason that it was said, Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) created Adam (عليه السلام) on His image.

Human beings are the chosen ones in Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) creation as they are complete within themselves as they are provided with superior intelligence and are rewarded with the crown of vicegerent.

The vicegerent is the one who represent Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) in the Cosmos, who conveys Allah's message to the fellow human beings and trains them to be obedient to Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) in all their actions. In this category, Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is the only true vicegerent of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) in this Cosmos.

Hadith 1: al-Hakim in his Mustadrak, Baihaqi in Dalayl an-Nubuawah, Tabarani in his Kabeer, Abu Na'eem in his Hilya and ibn Asakir in Tarikh Damishq report from Sayyiduna Ameer al-Mu'mineen 'Umar ibn al-Khattab Farooq al-A'dham (radiyallahu ta'ala anhu) that:

It is in Hadith - Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, 'Allah said, 'when Adam (عليه السلام) made the (Ijtihadi) oversight, he asked, O Allah! I ask you for the sake of Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) to forgive me. Allah said, O Adam (عليه السلام)! How do you recognize Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) when I have not yet created him? Adam (عليه السلام) said: O Allah! When you created me and blew into me the spirit, I lifted my head and saw written on the Arsh, [There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the Apostle of Allah]. So, I got to know that you would only join your name with him who is most beloved to you. Allah said, O Adam (عليه السلام)! You have spoken the truth. Indeed, Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) is more beloved to me than anything and when you asked me for his sake, I pardoned you. If Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) was not in existence, I would not have created you'.

[**References** - (i) Al-Hakim in his Mustadrak, (ii) Baihaqi in Dalayl an-Nubuawah, (iii) Tabarani in his Kabeer, (iv) Abu Na'eem in his Hilya, (v) Ibn Asakir in Tarikh Damishq reported from Umar Ibn al-Khattab (رضى الله عنه), (vi) Subki in Shifa as-Siqam, and (vii) Shihab in Naseem.]

It is in Hadith - Amr Ibn al-A's (رضى الله تعالى عنه) reported that the Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, 'if a judge makes a ruling, striving to apply his reasoning and he is correct, he will have two rewards. If a judge makes a ruling, striving to apply his reasoning and he is mistaken, he will have one reward'. (Bukhari, Muslim)

Prophet Adam (عليه السلام) got two rewards, **(i)** He was made the first Prophet of Islam, and **(ii)** the last Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) came from his progeny.

It is in Hadith - Abdullah Ibn Abbas (رضي الله تعالى عنه) reported that 'Allah revealed to Prophet Isa (عليه السلام) saying, O Isa (عليه السلام), have faith in Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and order your ummah to do the same. If Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) was not in existence, I would not have created Adam (عليه السلام) nor would I have made Paradise or Hell'.

[References - **(i)** Hakim in Mustadrak, **(ii)** Abu as-Shaykh in Tabaqaat al-Isfahani, **(iii)** Taqi ad-Din Subki in Shifa as-Siqam, **(iv)** Al-Bulqini in his Fatawa and **(v)** ibn Hajar in Afdal al-Qur'an.]

It is in Hadith - Ibn Abbas (رضي الله تعالى عنه) reported that the Apostle of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, Jibreel (عليه السلام) came to me and said that Allah says, If you were not created, I would not have made the Paradise or Hell". (**Dailami in Musnad al-Firdaus**)

It is in Hadith - Salman Farsi (رضي الله تعالى عنه) reported that Jibreel (عليه السلام) came to the Prophet of Allah (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) and said that Allah says, 'I have not created anyone who is more honored to me than you. I have created the world and all that is therein so that they may know the rank that you possess. I would not have created the world if I had not created you. (**Ibn Asakir**)

THE CREATION OF ADAM

(عليه السلام)

The Qur'an describes how Allah created Adam (عليه السلام).

It is in Quran - وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً قَالُوا أَتَجْعَلُ فِيهَا مَنْ يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ [And when Allah addressed the angels (saying) I am going to make a Vicegerent on Earth; (The Angels) submitted will you make (a vicegerent) who will create disorder and cause bloodshed while we hymn your praise and sanctify You. He said, I know that which you do not know.] (**Al-Baqara - 30**).

When Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) informed the angels that He is going to create a vicegerent on Earth, what angels understood was the following.

It is in Quran - وَهُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَكُمْ خَلَائِفَ الْأَرْضِ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَكُمْ فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ دَرَجَاتٍ لِيُبْلِغَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ سَرِيعُ الْعِقَابِ وَإِنَّهُ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ [And He is Who has made you successors upon the Earth and has raised some of you above others in ranks that He will see you through what He has given you. Indeed, your Lord is swift in penalty; and He is (also) Forgiving and Merciful.] **(Al-An'aam - 165)**

What angels understood was, a new creature was being created on Earth. Since they had the experience of various creatures before human beings, they said, we pray and sanctify you, whereas this creature, as has been the case with others, will cause disorder and bloodshed on Earth. Then Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) said, I know that which you do not know.

What Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) was referring to, from His statement? As per our understanding, He was telling them that His real Khalifa, Prophet Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) was to come from among human beings. And Adam (عليه السلام) is his biological father so prostrate to him with respect. As the many Ahadith confirm this fact, Prophet Adam's (عليه السلام) creation was the beginning towards that objective.

After the creation of Adam (عليه السلام), all angels were commanded to bow in front of Adam (عليه السلام) as a mark of respect.

It is in Quran - وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ [And (remember Our beneficence) when We asked the Angels to 'prostrate before Adam (عليه السلام) (Sajda-e-Tahiyya), they all prostrated except Iblis (Satan) and he was disobedient (disbeliever).] **(Al-Baqara - 34)**

Iblis showed arrogance and did not join the angels in prostration and became open Kafir. What he argued was a sheer stupidity. He became the first one to give importance to the reasoning of mind, over the divine command. But this reasoning of his mind was also not appropriate on that occasion. When he saw that the angels, who are a better creation than him (he was from Jinn) were prostrating to Adam (عليه السلام), he should have realized that there is something important about Adam (عليه السلام) which is hidden from his mind. He also had seen that Adam's (عليه السلام) knowledge surpassed the knowledge of all other creatures, including the angels. In such a scenario, to reject divine command was a sheer stupidity and arrogance for which he was punished by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). It is important to note that Allah's (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) beneficence had gone to his head as he was given assignment to teach angels. He started thinking that he was better than even angels. And in that arrogance, he considered even Hadhrat Jibreel (عليه السلام) as his rival. Surely, Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) was aware of what Iblis was up to.

It is in Quran - وَفَلْنَا يَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَكُلَا مِنْهَا رَغَدًا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ [And We said O'Adam (عليه السلام), dwell in Paradise, you and your wife and eat freely in the Garden but do not go near this tree as you will become (from) the ones who hurt themselves.] **(Al-Baqara - 35)**

After the episode of prostration of obeisance by angels, Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) lived in Paradise.

It is in Quran - يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا [O mankind, be dutiful to your Lord, who created you from one Nafs and created from it its mate.] **(An-Nisa - 1)**

It is clear from the above verse that our mother Hawwa (عليها السلام) was created from Adam (عليه السلام), meaning from the same matter.

It is reported that when Iblis (Satan) was expelled from Paradise for not prostrating, Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) started living in Paradise where he was treated as a King and was supported by Angels in all his needs.

It is in Hadith Bukhari, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, treat women nicely. They are created from the rib. What is the meaning of created from the rib? It means that they are more sensitive than males. Men should keep this mind. If you do not do that, you may lose them.

As per divine command, Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) and Hawwa (عليها السلام) started living in the Paradise in tranquility like King and Queen with all the facilities of the Paradise provided to them in abundance except that they were not made aware of the conjugal relationship which was to be provided to them on Planet Earth.

It is in Quran - عَلَيْهِمْ ثِيَابٌ سُنْدُسٍ خُضْرٌ وَإِسْتَبْرَقٌ وَحُلُّوا أَسَاوِرَ مِنْ فِضَّةٍ وَسَقَاهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ شَرَابًا طَهُورًا [(The people of Paradise are provided with) the honoring garments made of fine green silk with gold embroidery. They will be adorned with bracelets of silver and their Lord will give them pure drink.] **(Al-Insan - 21)**

It is in Quran - جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا يُحَلَّوْنَ فِيهَا مِنْ أَسَاوِرَ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَلُؤْلُؤًا وَلِبَاسُهُمْ فِيهَا حَرِيرٌ [They will enter the gardens of Eden where they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls and their garments will be silk therein.] **(Faatir - 33)**

They were cautioned to avoid going near a specific tree. They were told that the tree is harmful for them. Meaning, the tree had the attributes of the trees grown on Earth. If

someone goes near it and eats its fruit, then he would be made to go to Earth and spend the rest of his life there. These facts were not made known to them.

Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) and Hawwa (عليها السلام) were both innocent as evil had not touched them. They were overwhelmed with the love of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) and wanted to remain in His vicinity all the time.

It is in Quran - فَأَزَلَّهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ عَنْهَا فَأَخْرَجَهُمَا مِمَّا كَانَا فِيهِ وَقُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ [Then Satan tempted them and caused them to err and became the cause of their transfer from Paradise. And We said get down you all to be the enemies of one another. For you, Earth will be the dwelling place where you will find the provisions for living for a specific time.] (Al-Baqara - 36).

WHO IS IBLIS (SATAN)?

Satan belongs to the specie of Jinn. The Jinn are a creation of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) made from fire. Jinn are different from both, Angels, and humans. But, like humans, they are given the power of reason to choose between good and evil. The Jinn existed before the creation of Adam (عليه السلام).

Satan was the most famous scholar and teacher among the Jinn who were dwelling in specific places/planets assigned to them by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). His popularity grew among the jinn slowly but surely to an extent that even angels started listening to his sermons. The popularity and respect among Jinn and angels went to his head and he started considering the knowledge given by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) as his own. This was the reason for his downfall.

When Iblis refused to prostrate to Adam (عليه السلام), all his privileges were withdrawn. He was expelled and not allowed to teach angels. He started living in places where Jinn lived. However, freedom of movement for him was not withdrawn because he became a test for people between good and evil.

It is in Quran - قَالَ مَا مَنَعَكَ أَلَّا تَسْجُدَ إِذْ أَمَرْتُكَ قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِن نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِن طِينٍ قَالَ فَاهْبِطْ مِنْهَا فَمَا يَكُونُ لَكَ أَنْ تَتَكَبَّرَ فِيهَا فَاخْرُجْ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الصَّاغِرِينَ - قَالَ أَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ - قَالَ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنظَرِينَ - قَالَ فَبِمَا أَعْرَيْتَنِي لِأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ صِرَاطَكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ - ثُمَّ لَا تَجِدُنِي إِلَّا مِن قَدَمٍ أَسْفَلٍ وَبِمَا كَفَرْتُ بِالْحَرْمِ أَن لَّمْ تَكُن لِّي كَابِئًا مِّنْهُمْ وَبِمَا كَفَرْتُ بِالْبَشَرِ أَن لَّمْ يَكُن لِّي الْإِنسَانُ فَجَاءُنِي الْوَعْدُ بِالْوَعْدِ وَأَنَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْمُسْتَقِيمِينَ - قَالَ اخْرُجْ مِنْهَا مَذْذُومًا مَّدْحُورًا لَّمَنْ تَبِعَكَ مِنْهُمْ لَأَمْلَأَنَّ جَهَنَّمَ مِنْكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ [Allah said (to Iblis) what prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you (to do so)? (Iblis) said, 'I am better than

him (Adam عليه السلام). You created me from fire and created him from clay.' Allah said, 'descend from Paradise, there is no place for arrogant to live therein. So, get out; indeed, you are of the debased. Iblis said, 'reprieve me until the Day they are resurrected.' Allah said, 'indeed, you are of those reprieved.' Satan said, 'because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in and wait for them on Your straight path. Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful (to You).' Allah said, 'get out of Paradise, reproached and expelled. Whoever follows you among them (humans) I will surely fill Hell with all of you together.'](**Al-Araaf - 12-18**)

Since Iblis was a great scholar earlier, he knew the art of explaining things. After he was expelled, he started using his skills in drawing people away from Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) by his deceptive talk. He also had the freedom and ability to insinuate the minds and hearts of people. He used these powers to deceive the innocent, unsuspecting and virtuous Nufoos of Adam (عليه السلام) and Hawwa (عليها السلام). He did it meticulously, consistently. And over a long period of time, he managed to convince them. What Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) and mother Hawwa (عليها السلام) wanted was to be close to Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) every moment of their lives, never ever to go away from Him. Iblis exploited this love of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). He swore to them that there is only one way to remain in the company of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ), i.e., to go near that tree and taste its fruit.

It is in Quran - فَوَسْوَسَ لَهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ لِيُبْدِيَ لَهُمَا مَا وُورِيَ عَنْهُمَا مِنْ سَوَاتِهِمَا وَقَالَ مَا نَهَاكُمَا رَبُّكُمَا أَنْ تَكُونَا مِنَ الْخَالِدِينَ (Satan whispered to them to make apparent to them that which was concealed from them of their private parts. He said, 'your Lord did not forbid you this tree except that you become angels or become immortal.'](**Al-Araaf - 20**).

Since they loved Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) more than their own selves, and they wanted to remain close to Him, Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) and mother Hawwa (عليها السلام) fell for Satan's deceitful logic and were swayed, momentarily.

It is in Quran - فَذَلَّلَاهُمَا بِغُرُورٍ فَلَمَّا ذَاقَا الشَّجَرَةَ بَدَتْ لَهُمَا سَوَاتُهُمَا وَطَفِيفًا يَخْصِفَانِ عَلَيْهِمَا مِنْ وَرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ وَنَادَاهُمَا رَبُّهُمَا أَلَمْ أَنْهَكُمَا عَنْ تِلْكَ الشَّجَرَةِ وَأَقُلْتُ لَكُمَا إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمَا عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ [So Satan made them fall, by deception. And when they tasted (the fruit) of the tree, their private parts became apparent to them, and they began to cover themselves from the leaves of Paradise. And their Lord called them, 'did I not forbid you from that tree and tell you that Satan is a manifest enemy to you?'] (**Al-Araaf - 22**)

After they tasted that fruit, the destiny took over their lives, and they were sent down to Earth for the remainder of their lives.

When we look at the entire episode, we know that it was the love of Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) in the heart of Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) and mother Hawwa (عليها السلام) which remained paramount all through their lives.

Since, Satan had the freedom of movement, he followed Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) to Earth made it his residence as well, to deceive the children of Adam till the end times.

It is in Quran - فَتَلَقَّى آدَمُ مِنْ رَبِّهِ كَلِمَاتٍ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ ۗ إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ [Then Adam (عليه السلام) found out the wordings of the Dua from His Lord. And Allah turned back on him with Mercy. Indeed, He is the one who forgives and is Most Merciful.] (Al-Baqara - 37)

ADAM'S (عليه السلام) LIFE ON EARTH

After their descent to Earth, Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) taught Hadhrat Adam (عليه السلام) and our mother Hawwa (عليها السلام) Dua and forgave them.

It is in Quran - قَالَا رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ [They supplicated, 'Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers.] (Al-Araaf - 23)

It is in Hadith - Umar bin al-Khattab (رضي الله تعالى عنه) narrated that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, when Prophet Adam (عليه السلام) said, O' my Lord, I ask you for the sake of Mohammad (بحق محمد صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) to forgive me. He (Allah - عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) said, how did you know Mohammad (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم)? He said, because when you created me with Your hands and blew into me from Your spirit, I raised my head and I saw on the Arsh it was written لا إله إلا الله ، محمد رسول الله [There is no god, but Allah, and Mohammad is the Apostle of Allah]. So, I knew You would not put next to your name except the one who is the most beloved to You. 'He said, you have said the truth, O'Adam (عليه السلام) and if it were not for Mohammad (بحق محمد صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم), I would not have created you.] (Al-Mustadrak al-Hakim, who said it is Sahih).

Adam (عليه السلام) is reported to have lived on Planet Earth for about 900 years. He learned how to cultivate the land, grow the crops and feed his family. All through his life on Earth, Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) was his guide who supported him with Angel Jibreel (عليه السلام) in teaching him various facets of the life on this planet.

Based on Quran and Ahadith accounts, it is described that after the descent from the Heavens, Adam and Hawwa (عليهم السلام) started living on Earth. It is believed that Hawwa (عليها السلام) bore sets of twins, and in each birth, there was a male and a female child. And they were commanded that each son would marry the sister of his brother with whom she was born. No one could get married with his twin sister with whom he was born.

In Sura Al-Ma'idah verses (27-31), Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) has described the story of the two sons of Adam (عليه السلام), namely, **Haabeel** (Abel) and **Qaabeel** (Cain).

The incidence of killing of Habeel by his brother Qabeel was sparked when Qabeel refused to marry the twin sister of Habeel who was designated to be married to him; preferring instead his own twin sister with whom he was born. When Adam (عليه السلام) saw Qabeel was adamant and insisted on marrying his own twin sister, he suggested both the sons to refer the matter to Allah and let Him decide the outcome. They were advised to offer sacrifices and whosoever was right, his sacrifice will be accepted by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ). The sacrifice of Habeel was accepted. The modalities of these sacrifices and how these were accepted are not known, however, Quran testifies that the sacrifice of Habeel was accepted by Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ).

Qabeel was not satisfied with the outcome. He was discontented which probably bred envy and jealousy towards his brother. He threatened to kill his brother. Habeel was a pious and virtuous person. He said, even if his brother raises his hands to kill him, he will not resist. By saying so, he wanted to cool down his brother and stop him from committing the crime. However, as the Quran describes, he killed his brother and when he looked at the dead body of his brother, Qabeel did not know what to do with that as no other man on the face of the earth had died before that. Allah sent a crow digging up the earth to bury another crow who was dead so that he might show him how he should cover the dead body of his brother. Through this episode, Qabeel learnt how to bury the dead. He dug the ground and buried the body of his dead brother. He realized his guilt and regretted his actions.

It is reported that Adam (عليه السلام) was grief stricken on account of this episode. He prayed for his children and returned to daily life as he used to toil for his sustenance. In addition, he was a Prophet teaching his children and grandchildren about Allah, His angels, and this Cosmos.

Adam (عليه السلام) built the first mosque on Earth known as the Ka'ba where his children and grandchildren used to pray.

Prophet Adam (عليه السلام) used to warn his children and grandchildren against Iblis by describing his own episode.

As time passed, Adam (عليه السلام) grew old and his children spread all over the fertile lands. It is reported that at the time of death the total number of his children, grandchildren and children of their children was about 40,000 who were spread in all nearby fertile lands.

THE DEATH OF ADAM (عليه السلام)

Abdullah Ibn Ahmad bin Hanbal narrated that Ubai Ibn Kab (رضي الله تعالى عنه) said, 'when Adam's (عليه السلام) death was near, he said to his children, O my children, indeed, I feel an appetite for the fruits of Paradise.' So, they went away searching for what their father had requested. They met with the angels, who had with them his shroud and what he was to be embalmed with. They said to them, O Children of Adam (عليه السلام), what are you searching for? They said, 'our father is sick and has an appetite for the fruits of Paradise.' The angels told them, go back, for your father is going to meet his lord soon.' So they returned (with the angels), and when mother Hawwa (عليها السلام) saw them she recognized them. She tried to hide herself behind Adam (عليه السلام). Then the angels took his soul, embalmed, and wrapped him, dug the grave and laid him in it. They prayed on him and put him in his grave, saying, O Children of Adam (عليه السلام), this is your tradition at the time of death'.

Before his death Adam (عليه السلام) assured his children that Allah (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) would not leave them alone but would send His prophets to guide them. The prophets would have different names, traits, and miracles, but they would be united in one thing: the call to worship Allah alone.

Muhammad Ibn Ishaq narrated that when Adam's (عليه السلام) death drew near, he appointed his son Seth (Shiith - عليه السلام) to be his successor and taught him the hours of the day and night along with their appropriate acts of worship.

Abu Dhar (رضي الله تعالى عنه) narrated that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و آله وسلم) said, 'Allah sent down one hundred and four psalms, of which fifty were sent down to Seth (عليه - Shiith السلام).
