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Chapter 1

CREED

Belief in Allāh

This chapter is the most important, and the most significant of chapters, since the Muslim's entire life is based upon it, and lived according to it. It is the most basic of fundamentals covering the Muslim's entire life.

Belief in Allāh

The Muslim believes in Allāh the Most High, i.e. he believes in the Existence of the Lord, and that it is He Who originated the heavens and the earth, that He knows the seen and the unseen as well. He is the Lord and the Sovereign of all creatures, none has the right to be worshipped except Him, and there is no true Lord except Him. All of His Attributes are perfect. He is free of any deficiency whatsoever.

This belief arises from many sources, i.e. Allāh's guidance before anything else, and the textual, and rational proofs that follow:

Textual Proofs

1. Allāh informs us about Himself, about His Existence, Lordship over all creatures, and His Names and Attributes. Such form of information can be found in His Noble Book, such as His saying:

﴿إِن رَّبَّكُمْ اللهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُغْشَىٰ اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ ۗ تَبَارَكَ اللهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٥١﴾﴾

﴿Indeed, your Lord is Allāh, Who created the heavens and the earth in six days, then He Istawa (ascended) the Throne. He brings the night as a cover over the day; seeking it rapidly, and the sun, the moon, and the stars (all) are subjected to His