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THE SOLE BEING THAT HAS THE OMNIPOTENCE OF CREATION IS ALLAH (S.W.T.)

Dear Mumins!

Allah (s.w.t.) is all-knowing, namely His 'ilm (knowledge) is so vast that nothing is hidden from Him. He also has endless power and omnipotence as well as will without any limits. But the most obvious characteristic that distinguishes Allah (s.w.t.) from other beings is the fact that He is the Creator and others are creatures.

The concept that expresses the relation between Allah and the universe in the most comprehensive way is the concept of "creating". Allah, the Exalted is not in need of others in any way. Besides, He, with His own independent will, has created the universe and everything inside it, has brought it all into the realm of existence from nonexistence.

All together, let's listen, once more, carefully to some of the Qur'anic verses related to the creation:

According to Islamic faith, the sole being that has the omnipotence of creating is Allah (s.w.t.).¹ It has been expressed in the Qur'ân that things that have been adopted as deities other than Allah cannot create anything: **"Those whom they (al-mushrikûn) invoke besides Allah have not created anything, but are themselves created."**² In order to come into existence of something, it is enough that Allah says to that thing: "Be."³ However, although Allah (s.w.t.) has unconditional omnipotence to create something that He wills and as He wills, even in a sudden instant, He has observed a measure and order that exists behind the creation of everything.⁴

My Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Creation is a continuing process. About Allah (s.w.t.), the name of Al-Khallâq (خالق), which means the one who creates constantly and perfectly is passed in the Qur'ân. **"Every**

day He is (engaged) in some affair."⁵ **"He creates (other) things of which you have no knowledge."**⁶

To bring something into the realm of existence from nonexistence, certainly requires that the Creator must know that thing He created in all of its details: **"Should not know He who has created? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous, All-Aware (of everything)."**⁷



Allah, the Exalted who created also human beings as all things knows him/her much better than himself/herself, and knows his/her both weaknesses and strengths utterly: **"And indeed, We have created man, and We know what his own self whispers to him. And we are nearer to him than his jugular vein."**⁸

The heavens, the earth and all things between them have not been created for no reason. There surely is an aim in creating of these. The Qur'ân expresses this as follows: **"And we have not created the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them for mere idle play. None of this have we created without a truth but most of them understand it not"**⁹ This aim is an examination of the mankind.¹⁰

This world is like a field of competition. It is a place to test and find out who will use, and how he/she will use, the boons and skills that Allah has bestowed upon him/her. And it is an arena where it will be measured who performs the most beautiful deeds and actions.¹¹

For the sake of being mumins who have comprehended the wisdom and aim of creation thoroughly and regulated our lives accordingly, may Allah be our aid. What an Excellent Mawla and what an excellent Helper...

⁵ Ar-Rahmân, 29.

⁶ An-Nahl, 8.

⁷ Al-Mulk, 14.

⁸ Qâf, 16.

⁹ Ad-Dukhân, 38-39; also refer to Hijr, 85; Al-Ahkâf, 3.

¹⁰ Hûd, 11.

¹¹ Al-Mulk, 2.

¹ Al-A'râf, 54.

² An-Nahl, 20. Also refer to: Al-A'râf, 192; Al-Furqân, 3.

³ Ghâfir, 68.

⁴ Al-Qamar, 49; Also refer to: Al-Furqân, 1-2; Al-A'lâ, 2.