

Chapter – 67

Knowledge of Invisibles

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❖ وَعِنْدَهُ مَفَاتِحُ الْغَيْبِ لَا يَعْلَمُهَا إِلَّا هُوَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ
وَمَا تَسْقُطُ مِنْ وَرَقَةٍ إِلَّا يَعْلَمُهَا وَلَا حَبَّةٌ فِي ظِلْمَاتِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا
رَطْبٌ وَلَا يَابِسٌ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ -

And it is He who has the keys of the hidden; Nobody knows them except Him; and He knows all that is in the land and the sea; and no leaf falls but He knows about it, and there is not a grain in the darkness of the earth nor anything wet or dry, which is not recorded in a clear Book. (06:59)

❖ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ -

Those who believe in the hidden (without seeing), and keep the (obligatory) prayers established; and spend (in charity) from what We have given to them. (02:03)

A thing which is present but is beyond our vision is called hidden or invisible (غيب). There are three types of Invisibles:

- Absolute Invisibles (غيب مطلق): The hidden things which are never seen by anyone except Allah سبحانه و تعالى. For example; Allah Himself (حقيقت حقه); who is beyond any perception of prophets, angels and every wisdom. Nevertheless, His self-unveiling glories (تجليات) can be seen.
- Partly Invisibles (غيب جزئي): Those hidden things which are familiarized to prophets only, are Partly Invisibles.

عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ فَلَا يُظْهِرُ عَلَىٰ غَيْبِهِ أَحَدًا إِلَّا مَنِ ارْتَضَىٰ مِنْ رَسُولٍ

{The All Knowing of all the hidden does not give the control over His secrets, except to His chosen Noble Messenger. (26, 27)}

Note: In this Verse the hidden means the divine revelations (وحى).

- Auxiliary Invisibles (غيب اضافى): Some things that may be hidden with one person but may be exposed to other person are known as Auxiliary Invisibles. For example; there are few things that are hidden but may be seen after some struggle.

Dear people! This is very much clear that God's knowledge is not the knowledge of Invisibles. Nothing is hidden with Him so how his knowledge could be 'knowledge of Invisibles'? This knowledge of hidden things is created when it is related to us. However, some knowledge of Invisibles should be known to all Muslims:

أَمِنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَ مَلِكَيْتِهِ وَ كُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَ الْيَوْمَ الْآخِرِ

(I believe on God, His angels, His holy books, His messengers, and the day of Judgment.)

The above described items are mostly hidden. But one has to believe on all of them with certainty. That person who do not have the knowledge of these Invisibles, how he could be a Muslim?

A few things are known to one person and the other person does not know, rather hidden with him. Later, by his sense and experience come into his knowledge. These are all Auxiliary Invisibles. God and his reality is Absolute Invisible. This must also be clear that Knowledge of God is His-own (بالذات), and that is infinite as well. Whereas the knowledge of human being is given by God (بالعرض), and that is limited too.

Some knowledge of invisibles is such that only God discloses on Prophet through His divine reveals, and some are such that every Muslim can know. --- At this point, this thing must be clearly understood that knowledge is obtained in many ways. It can be attained by personal attention. It can be accomplished by telling somebody. For example; we have not seen Heaven or the Hell, we did not see God or angels, but we have sure knowledge that these are all existing. Yet these are all hidden things. This knowledge of such invisibles should be sure and beyond doubt.

Some knowledge of invisibles is achieved by Spiritual Powers, Manifestation and Hypnotism. But it has no value. Moreover, how many are they? And how many companions they have?

Can a Muslim conceive that Prophet's knowledge of invisibles may be equivalent to God's knowledge? Of course, not! The knowledge of God is His-own (بالذات), and the knowledge of Prophet is given by God (بالعرض). God knows his reality very well, and the Prophet cannot know the veracity of God with His precise essence. After this, where the problem of equality comes?

Dear people! Any Muslim says that *the Prophet has knowledge of invisibles*, on this expression neither the word Polytheism is applicable nor Blasphemy. But of course, those who are not fully aware of the knowledge of invisibles, these words may be applied on them. ---- It is really wondering that these materialists, ignorant of mysticism and unaware of spiritualism say that *Shaytan knows the situation of hearts of human being that is why he is in a position to misguide them*. Human beings are not one or two but millions and billions, but Shaytan knows about all these hearts! For this awareness whether the matter of Polytheism would not come? ---- If we prove similar extent of knowledge for our Noble Prophet, then from every corner shouts of 'Polytheism' are raised.

Somebody should ask them that why the Prophet's knowledge of Partly Invisibles is Polytheism, and for their leader Shaytan is not! Remember! Considering the special attributes of God in others is Polytheism. If the knowledge of Invisibles is special attribute of God then whoever will relate to it will be Polytheism. But if the knowledge of Invisibles is not the special attribute of God then it will never be the Polytheism.

Dear People! The followers of Unani (the Arabic word of Greece) Philosophers were to believe for one separate sky of moon, and one individual sky for each planet. The present research says that all planets are revolving around the Sun, and all these planets are the part of Solar System. These planets have any population or not, no one knows. If there are some inhabitants then what is their type. It is also not known to anyone except God.

These astronomers and philosophers are trying hard to know all about other spheroids but this Universe contains millions of such spheroids so the knowledge of all is beyond their reach. They try hard but God's Charismatic Nature is so huge and widespread that for them it is not less than a Galaxy.

These ignorant try to know about the knowledge of invisibles in many ways. Some look at the human palm and predict for future. This is called Palmistry. Some give their interpretations on Sun's heat and Planet's enlightenments. Some of them are correct and some wrong. The astronomers look at the planets and their speeds and then they give their opinion that whether this planet is 'favourable', 'promising', or Ill-fated'. Some spirits relate with these planets and then present their opinion on this relation. However, no one can give true comments. It has no basis. In fact, Allah سبحانه و تعالی has the true knowledge solely.

We need not to over-interpret and over-explain the Quranic Orders. However, try to learn them and if anything is not properly understood then try to understand more. But never think that you know all about Universe.

This thing should also be remembered that the knowledge of invisibles is sometime kept hidden deliberately or for the purpose of test. Prophets know many things but they also do not expose them due to strategic reasons. ---- So you just keep on doing your work. Have faith. Adopt righteousness (تقوی). You will be rewarded significantly. Do not care much for why from the beginning it is not known --! Every work of the Wise (حکیم) is based on His wisdom.

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