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Al-An'am (The Cattle)

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قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا بِلِقَاءِ اللَّهِ حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ السَّاعَةُ بَغْتَةً
قَالُوا يَا حَسْرَتَنَا عَلَى مَا فَرَطْنَا فِيهَا وَهُمْ يَحْمِلُونَ أَوْزَارَهُمْ عَلَى
ظُهُورِهِمْ أَلَّا سَاءَ مَا يَزِرُونَ

"They indeed are losers who deny the meeting with Allah until, when the hour comes on them all of a sudden, they will say:

'Alas for us, for what we neglected in it!'

And they shall bear their burdens on their backs; now beware, evil is that which they bear! "

The purpose of "meeting of Allah" is the spiritual meeting and inner intuition in the Hereafter. The reason of it is that all of the dependences of man unto wealth, position, and relatives will be ceased from him there, and, by facing with the divine reward and retribution, he will perceive the absolute.

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وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَهَلْ لِلدَّارِ الْآخِرَةِ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ يُتَّقُونَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

"And the life of the world is naught but play and pastime, and certainly the abode of the Hereafter is better for those who keep from evil; have you then no sense?"

If the life of this world does not be considered as a field for the coming world, it becomes a toy, and human beings will be busy, as children, with play things such as property, position and so on.

Imam Amir-ul-Mu'mineen Ali (as) said:
"Allah, the Glorified, has distributed among people nothing better than wisdom."

Again, he (as) said:
"The best bounty is the bounty of intellect."

Also, the Imam (as) said:
"Avoid (vain) pastime and play, chaffy words, too much laugh and joke, and futile statements."

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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 with Him are the keys of the Unseen. None but He knows them. And He knows whatever is in the land and the sea; and no leaf (of a tree) drops down but He knows it, nor is there a grain in the darkness of the earth nor anything wet or dry but it is (noted) in a clear Book."

Secrets of the Unseen!

In the former verses, the words were about Allah's Knowledge, Power, and the expansion of the circle of His commandment.

From this verse on, the meaning stated in those verses concisely has been mentioned with some explanation.

At first, the subject of Allah's knowledge is pointed out.

"... And He knows whatever is in the land and the sea...."

The Arabic term /barr/ means 'a vast place', which is usually used for a (dry) land.

The term /bahr/ originally also means 'a vast place' where a plenty of water is found.

It is often applied for the seas and, sometimes, for the great streams.

However, Allah's knowledge upon whatever exists in the lands and the seas is something which hints to Allah's omniscience, and that His knowledge encompasses all things.