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PART ONE

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DIVINE DECREE

Chapter One

THE DIVINE DECREE

The Concept of Decree

**" And We decreed for the Children of Israel in the Scripture:
Ye verily will work corruption in the earth twice,
and ye will become great tyrants!"**
(Holy Quran: Asra.4)

"**Decree**" means Settle the Affairs, whether by **Word** or by **Action**, each focusing on two aspects: One **Divine** and the other **Humanly**. Among the Divine Decrees in **Word** is that said:

" And your Lord decreed that you shall not serve except Him!" (Holy Quran: Asra.23)

" And We decreed for the Children of Israel in the Scripture...!" (Holy Quran: Asra.4)

And the same is likely the Verse:

"And We decreed for him that commandment, that the last remnant of those should be cut off in the morning!" (Holy Quran: Hejr. 66)

But the "Divine Decree in **Action**" are the following Verses, that say:

"God shall decree justly, and those they call on apart from Him, shall not decree by any means...!" (Holy Quran: Ghafer. 20)

"Then He Decreed them seven heavens in two Days...!" (Holy Quran: Fosselat. 12)

The Decree here means Innovation and resting from Creation. The Verse is within the meaning of the following Verse: **" Initiator of heavens and earth...!"** (Holy Quran: Baghareh. 117)

About the "Human Decree in **Word**," is what they say:"David decreed in such a way....," because what decree ruling by Governor is from category of Word, and about the "Human Decree in **Action**" the following Verse is clear:

"So when you have performed(decreed) your rites..., " (Holy Quran: Baghareh. 200) and: " Then let (Decree) them accomplish their needful acts of shaving and cleansing, and let them fulfil their vows and ... !" (Holy Quran: Haj. 29)

(Almizan v. 25, p. 68.)

The Mission of Angels In Fulfillment of the Divine Decree

"By the Angels who make plans and Regulate the affairs of the world!"

(Holy Quran: Naze'at. 5)

Angels deal with all Things, although everything is surrounded by Causes, and Causes are in conflict with each other on the existence, non-existence, survival, non-survival, and various conditions of a certain Creature, so what God Almighty has commanded on it, the Decree that decreed and obligated on it, is the same Decree that the Angel assigned to manage up, speeds up towards it, performs the responsibility assigned to handle it, in dealing with it outpaces others, and ends the causal causality according the relative Divine Decree. As a result, it becomes what God has willed.

(Almizan v. 40, p. 16.)

The Decree of Seven Heavens

"Then He Decreed Seven Heavens in two Days!"

(Holy Quran: Sajdeh. 12)

Originally the meaning of "Decree" is to separate a few things from each other. The above Verse tells us that, the Heavens which God faced up towards them, were in form of Smoke, and the actuality of their existence were in vague and non-specific, God Almighty made their affairs distinguished, and made them Seven Heavens in Two Days.

This Verse, together with its previous Verse, overlooks to the details of what briefly mentiond in the following Verse:

"Have the faithless not regarded that the heavens and the earth were interwoven and We unravelled them...!"

(Holy Quran: Anbiya. 30)

(Almizan v. 34, p. 267.)

Chapter Two

The Divine Decree & Divine Command & the Book

Final Divine Command and Decree,
the Laws derived from it

"Thus the Word of Command of your Lord fulfilled against those Who rebelled; verily, they will not Believe!"

(Holy Quran: Yuness. 33)

According to the context of the Verse the Word that God said about the wicked, is that the transgressors do not believe, namely God issued the Final Judgment about them, and by the requirement of it, sinners do not believe while they remain on their sin, and the Divine Guidance does not include them to guide them to Faith, since God said:

" Verily, Allah deprives of His Guidance the corrupt and The disobedient people!"

(Holy Quran: Monafeghon. 6)

The meaning of the phrase **"Thus the Word of Command of your Lord fulfilled...!"** is that the Word of God and the Final Judgment that God issued on the wicked transgressors, viz. their refusing to believe, became an Actual Truth, applied and proved. Its applicability denoted their being out of Right Path and gone Astray. This shows that We were not unjust in ordering their being excluded from the guidance and belief, but it is only due to their withdraw from the Right Path and fall to straying and debauchery, because there is no intermediary between Right and Wrong.

The Verse also implies to the fact that the Essential Affairs and Clear Laws and Rules which are underway in the system of the Visible Universe like that: **"There is no intermediate between Right and Wrong,"** or **" No intermediary is between the Guidance and Straying,"** have a reference to the Divine Decree, and it is not that the law itself and without Divine Decree has gotten a constant basis in the Dominion of God!

(Almizan v. 19, p. 91.)

Chapter Three

Divine Decree and Human Free Will

Specific Boundary in Coordination between
Divine Decree with Human Free Will

" No disaster befalls on the earth and on You as a nation but has been inscribed Before in the Preserved Book...!" (Holy Quran: Hadid. 22)

The Holy Quran, in case of some Nations refers to the Final Divine Decree and Preserved Book, not in all of them. It states those kind of deeds, conditions, and habits to the Divine Decree that do not cancel the Free Will Command.

But what is incompatible with the Free Will Command, Quran strongly repels it, and refers it to the Free Will of the Human itself. Among them, says: **"When they commit an indecency, they say," We found our fathers practicing it, and Allah has enjoined it upon us." Say," Indeed Allah does not enjoin indecencies. Do you attribute to Allah what you do not know?" (Holy Quran: A'araf. 28.)**

So as you see, the Unbelievers attributed their own indecency to God, but God rejected such attributions.

And those acts, circumstances, and habits that if God does not attribute them to the Divine Decree they make His servants to fall in mistake, assuming themselves independent of God, and assume their own will as the total effect. God attributed that items to His own Decree, thus to lead the human to the Straight Path, the Path which does not mislead its traveler, it is a Straight Path that neither man is versatile and independent of God and his Decree, nor the Divine Decree is versatile, so the Human Free Will cannot do anything, instead, as we said, both the Divine Decree and Man's Free Will are involved.

By this Guidance, God cleansed from human the vices which arise from attributing Events to the Divine Decree, so that neither to be happy with what they gain and assume the Divine Decree as non-versatile, nor be unhappy when they lose and assume themselves as non- versatile.

(Almizan v. 2, p. 270.)

Chapter Five

Divine Decree in Human Communities

Divine Decree on Change of Blessings

by Change of People's State

"Verily, Allah will not Change the good and the bestowed Condition of a people until they change What is in themselves from good to Evil !" (Holy Quran: Ra'ad. 11.)

The brief of the above Verse is that God has Decreed and made it imperative that the Blessings and Grace given to man is related to his sensual state, if his state continued in accordance with his nature, those favors and blessings will also be continued. For example, if people, because of the strength of their nature, believe in God and do the good deeds, in result of their faith and good practices, the blessings of the World and the Hereafter will keep flowing on to them, as He said: **"And if the people of the towns had believed and guarded against evil...!" (Holy Quran: A'araf. 96.)** And as long as this situation has lasted in their hearts this case will last from God, and every time that they had changed their behavior, God also would change His position and transform blessing to curse.

(Almizan v. 22, p. 197.)

PART TWO

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DIVINE TRADITIONS

Chapter One

Divine Traditions in Societies

Tradition of Nations' Creation and Destruction

"Then We raised after them other Generations; No nation can ever hasten ahead of The Ordained Time by which they have Been respited, nor they can postpone it, And We sent Our Messengers one after Another. Each time a Messenger was Raised among his people, they belied Him...!"

(Holy Quran: Moume'noon. 42-44.)

Allah the Exalted says: After those nations that were destroyed by the shout, whom were after Noah's people, We have created other nations, and sent to them Our Prophets one after another, in a way that if one left, another one replaced him, but any Prophet who was sent unto his own people, they denied him, We have also taken them one after the other to their doom, and made them subject of tales and stories. Thus after their being living humans, We so wiped them out that only tales put remained from them. So away With those people who do not believe!

These Verses denote that one of the traditions of God Almighty was that He created one nation after the other and guided them towards the Truth, and for this purpose He sent Prophets after each other, this is called the Tradition of Divine Examination. Nations had another Tradition also which they denied the Prophets one after the other, therefore God had the second Tradition, Who perished the deniers one after the other, which is called the Divine Punishment!

What He mentioned: **" We made them legends! "** is the most elequent expression in conveying the Divine Wrath dominated the enemies of Truth, and those who denied the Truth Missionaries, because it shows that this Wrath swepted them out in such a way that there had remained nothing of them, not an objective, not a trace, no name, no address, just the story, a good lesson for others.

(Almizan v. 29, p. 51.)

Chapter Two

The Divine Tradition of Examination

Divine Tradition of Examination,

and Perish of Unqualified Persons and Violators of the Creation Goal

**"And whosoever of you turns back from His Faith and dies while disbelieving,
Then his good deeds [he has done in The past,] will yield no fruit in this World and in the Hereafter...!"**
(Holy Quran: Baghareh. 217.)

The Ruler of the Universe, leads the human beings, like the other parts of the world, to their Existence-Happiness, and Life-Perfection. One of the steps that humanity should proceed with in this way is the "Deeds." If at this route an obstacle prevents the mobility and stops the progression, causing destruction or misery to the wayfarer, it will be obligatory to the Salar of Caravan to provide defense to remove the obstacle or to cut off the rotten part, to make the process to continue.

By testimony of experience and observation, the Creation System equipped any species of Creatures with the built-in-defense forces to repel the pests and corruptions encountered with, also the Creation System raises for each kind of species some difficulties to stimulate their use of own forces to reach the Existence-Perfection and achieve to the Happiness that was provided for them.

This can be understood from the following Verses:

"And We did not create the heavens and the earth and what is between them in vain, We created them based on Truth and Divine Purposes, but most of these people do not understand!" (Holy Quran: Dokhan. 38-39,) and

" We have not created the heavens and earth, and what between them is for vanity, such is the thought of the unbelievers...!" (Holy Quran: Thad. 27.)

(The contents of these Verses denotes that the Creation of the Creatures was not in vain but has a proper Purpose and Worthy End.)

If a Craftsmen creates something for a Rational Purpose, he always tries to watch and care to keep it in good order, if anything happens to divert it from the original order, he attempts to fix it either by change in

components or other manipulations, but if it is not modifiable he tries to stir its combination and use it in some other industry. The same is the Creation of the heavens and the earth and what is in them, including humans. The contents of these Verses shows that God has not created them in vain and without any consideration, but He created them to return to Him, as He says: **"Did you think that We created you in Vain and you would not be returned To Us? "** (Holy Quran: Moumnoon. 115.) and

"And that the final end is unto thy Lord!" (Holy Quran: Najm. 42.)

In this case, it is necessary that the Human, like the other Creatures, by the Grace of God, to be led to his Destination, first by Invitation and Guidance, then by Examination and Test, finally by destroying those whom the aim of Creation voided on their part and would never be guided. This is a requirement for a Stable Creation and Better System in case of man and species that the life of a group should be terminated to give way to others to get rid of them: **"Your Lord is Self-sufficient and Merciful. Had He wanted, He could have destroyed you and replaced you by other people, just as He had created you from the offspring of others!"** (Holy Quran: An'am. 133.)

According to these Verses, This Law of God and Divine Tradition, i.e. the Order of Examination and Revenge, is the dominant Tradition which never be doomed to failure:

" And whatever misfortune befalls on you People, it is the result of your own deeds But Allah forgives a great part of them. And you cannot frustrate Allah's Power in the earth nor you have Besides Allah any guardian or protector!" (Holy Quran: Shoura. 30-31.) and **"Our word had been decreed to Our servants who were sent. That they would be made victorious. And that Our soldiers are the winners!"** (Holy Quran: Saffat. 171-173.)

(Almizan v. 3, p. 267.)

Chapter Three

The Variety of Divine Examinations And their Devices

The Different Ways of Divine Examinations

"Or did you suppose you should enter Paradise without God know who of you have struggled and who are patient?"

(Holy Quran: Ale'Omran. 142.)

"And We created not the heavens and earth, and all that between them is, in play. We created them based on Truth and Divine Purposes...!"

(Holy Quran: Dokhan. 38-39.)

"Whoso looks to encounter God, God's term is coming...!"

(Holy Quran: Ankabout. 5.)

All of the above Verses, considered the Creation as a Truth, not in vain or cut off from a Certain Goal and Purpose; and as the Goal and Purpose ahead the Creatures is Right; and from their behind also a series of causes and factors ascertain their Destiny and Fate, which they too are Right; the Divine Guidance also is always their Companion, is Right; therefore, inevitably, all Creatures generally, and Task-Masters particularly, in their course from the origin to the end and Appointed Term, will encounter to some events that dealing with them will actualize their internal status and innate competence of Perfection or Defect, of Happiness or Misfortune. The name of these collisions, in case of humans, which is required to practice the religious requirements, is Examination.

From what we have so far expressed, the meaning of **"Mah'gh"** (Eliminate, Wipe-out.) and **"Tam'hith"** (Distinguish, Purge,) becomes also obvious, because when a Believer is tested and the result of test distinguished his Virtues from his vices, or that if a Society has been tested and thereby the Believers are identified and separated from hypocrites(whose souls are sick.) This test or Examination is called: **"Tam'hith"** (Distinguish, Purge.)

And if even disbelievers or hypocrites, have apparently good attributes, undergo the constant tests, these tests will gradually clarify their innate vices and spoil their apparent Virtues. This test or Examination is called: **"Mah'gh."** (Which means the Gradual Eliminating and Wiping-out the Virtues.) And Almighty God says: **"And We bring about these days of Varying Fortunes among men by turns, in order that Allah makes known who are the Believers . . . And wipe out disbelievers!"** (Holy Quran: Ale'Omran. 140-141.)

And for disbelievers there is another **"Mah'gh"** or the annihilation factor, of which the God Almighty gave notice that the World of Creation proceeds ahead the human righteousness and purification of religion for God, therefore, it is clear that blasphemy is doomed to destruction and decay, as God said: " ... **And the happy end of the Hereafter depends on regarding Piety in this world!** " (Holy Quran: Taaha. 132.) and " ... **My Righteous Believers shall eventually inherit the Earth!**" (Holy Quran: An'bya. 105 .)

(Almizan v. 7, p. 61.)

Wealth and Children

Two Major Factors of Human Examination

"Your wealth and your children are only a trial and with God is a mighty wage!" (Holy Quran: Taghabon. 105 .)

The word **"Fit'na- Intrigue "** means the involvements having the testing purpose. Calling the wealth and children as a means of examination is because both of these world's blessings are of the interesting adornments of the present life, and the human soul so absorbed towards them that considers them as equal importance as the Hereafter and the obedience of his Creator, and placing himself formally in a dilemma that prefers them to the extent that neglects the Hereafter, as God told elsewhere: **"Wealth and children are ornaments of the life of this world...!"**

The interpretation of the Verse is an allusion to the forbidden, wants to forbid the neglect of God by wealth and children, also wants to say do not release the God's side through fascination with the property and children, because with God there is a great reward!

(Almizan v. 38, p. 264.)

Satan, an Agent for Examination of Human

"Iblis said: Lord, because you have caused me to go astray, I shall make earthly things attractive to (people) and mislead all of them!"

(Holy Quran: Hejr. 39 .)

Basically, the Reward and Punishment system, the human Happiness and Misery, is based on exam, so humans have always been between good and evil, happiness and misery, consequently it remains at their discretion to whichever they act, considering the result.

Therefore, if there would be no one like Angels or God to invite the human to its Happiness, and also nobody who encourages him to Evil, there will be no Exam, whereas we said the Exam is at work, so that we see God Almighty had affirmed these two kind of Invitations in the Verses like following: **"... Satan promises you poverty, and bids you unto indecency but God promises you His pardon and His bounty and God is All embracing, All knowing!" (Holy Quran: Baghareh. 268 .)** Yes, if God Almighty has confirmed Satan against Human and respited her until a "known time," at the same time He confirmed the Human beings until the "world conclusion," by means of Angels who remain until the world stands up.

So, we see, God, in response to Satan, did not mention: **"You are respited,"** but He stated: **"You shall be of the respited ones for sure!" (Holy Quran: A'araaf . 15 ,)** so it is clear that, apart from the Satan, there are many others that are alive until the end of the human life.

If the Satan is confirmed to portray falsehood, atheism, and debauchery in human views, in the meantime, God has confirmed the Human being to Truth by means of His Guidance, ornamented the Truth in his heart, made it most beloved thing to him, bestowed him the Nature of Monotheism. He inspired the Human being with discernment between the virtues and vices. He lighted the Human's way by a Light if he believes Him can haunt among the people by means of that light; and much more such confirmations:

"... Say: Allah is the One Who Guides to the Truth...!" (Holy Quran: Yoones.35.) and:

"Allah has put the Love for Faith in your hearts and Has enlightened your hearts by it ... !" (Holy Quran: Hejr.7.) and:

"O,Mankind! Set the face of your heart towards the upright religion of the Divine Unity: Allah has originally Created the Nature of man's soul with full tendency and love for the Divine Unity...!" (Holy Quran: Rome. 30.) and:

"And by the Soul and the One who Created it and gave order and perfection to it. And inspired it with knowledge of evil and piety!" (Holy Quran: Shams. 7-8.) and: " Is he who was dead [because of Disbelief] and We gave him life by Setting for him a light of Faith whereby he can walk among men...," (Holy Quran: An'am. 122.) and:

" We will surely bestow Our Aid to Our Messengers and those who believe, both In this world and in the Hereafter when the Witnesses stand in the Presence of Allah! " (Holy Quran: Ghafer. 51 .)

Considering above, Human Being is a Creature by itself is free from any contingency, neither the contingency of Happiness nor Misery, and at the beginning of his Creation has an equal respect to both of them, he could chose the way of goodness and obedience, which is the way of Angels who can do nothing except Obedience, or to chose the way of evil, corruption, and sin which is the way of Devil and his army, having nothing but defiance and disobedience. Human being in his life, falls to the same way that he desires, and the inhabitants of that way help him, and portray what they have in his eyes, finally guide him to the destination that their way leads up; either the destination is Paradise or Hell, Happiness or Misery!

What we told made it clear that, granting respite to Satan until a known deadline was not on basis of priority of defeated to predominant or revocating the Law of Causation, but only to make easy the way of Examination, because we see that the two party has given respite, Angels vis-a-vis Satan.

(Almizan v. 23, p. 239.)

Chapter Four

Divine Traditions of "Progressivity, Respite, and Scheming"

Meaning of "Progressivity" in Religion's View

"And those who belie Our Words of Revelation We shall gradually seize them with punishment through ways which they do not perceive!"

(Holy Quran: A'araf. 182 .)

"Estedraj - Progressivity " in dictionary means trying to cope with step by step and gradually the place or something to go up or down or have to approach it, but the indication of position in this Verse implies: " Getting closer to Perish, either in this world or in the Hereafter."

The reason why the Progressivity was made subject to the way they themselves cannot understand, is to make them understand that this approach is not visible, but is hidden in the same enjoyment of entertainments of material aspects of life, as a result, through their indulging in sins they get themselves gradually close to destruction. So we can say Progressivity is renewal of a blessing after another blessing, until by enjoyment of that blessings they will be kept unaware of the liability of their deeds, as was told in the Verse:

" Then We changed their suffering into prosperity, until they grew and multiplied ...!"
(Holy Quran: A'araf. 95,) and:

" Do not let the disbelievers, going to and fro in the cities, deceive you. It is a trivial enjoyment; then their Ultimate Abode is the Hell, which is indeed the worst place for rest !"
(Holy Quran: Ale'Omran. 196-197 .)

(Almizan v. 16, p. 256.)

Meaning of "Respite" in Religion's View

"And I grant them respite. Verily, My scheme is highly strong!"

(Holy Quran: A'araf. 183.)

"Emla - Respite " means granting time to a certain period, and for that reason the above Verse means like the following Verse: **"And had it not been for a Word [predetermined decision] from your Lord, they would have been judged immediately...!"** (Holy Quran: Shoura. 14,) and the Word in this Verse is the same as He said to Adam at the time of his fall to the Earth: **" On the earth shall be an abode for you and a provision for a fixed time!"** (Holy Quran: Baghareh. 36 ,) and the same is the Divine Decree, the Decree is dedicated to God Almighty, where no one does share with Him, unlike the "Progressivity" that is meant to bring blessing after blessing and the Divine Blessings come to Human by intervention of His Command or Angels.

(Almizan v. 16, p. 257.)

Meaning of "Divine Scheming"

"Have they become sure about God's scheming? None are sure about God's scheming, except the people who are losers!"

(Holy Quran: A'araf. 99 ,)

The word "Scheming" means one steals-up the other to harm him. This conduct from the God Almighty is true while done as Punishment, that means when man commits a sin deserving of punishment, God will punish him in a way that he does not understand, or will arrange a destiny for him that he goes towards his doom unaware of his fate, but unless he commits a sin the primary scheming from God is, of course, impossible.

Very subtle point was applied in these three Verses:

" Do the people of the towns feel Secure...?"

" Or do the people of the towns feel Secure...?"

" Do they then feel secure against the punishing plans of Allah...?"

(Holy Quran: A'araf. 97-99 .)

The point is that the population perished while slept is different from those who perished while in negligence, enjoying in amusements.

But what God said in the Verse: **"...None are sure about God's scheming, except the people who are losers!"** (Holy Quran: A'araf.99 ,) He mentioned the reason in the first Verse that man's being secured from the Scheming of God is, in fact, His other scheming, followed by punishment, therefore, it is right to say that:

Those who deem secured about God's scheming are losers, since their thinking secured itself is a God's scheming.

(Almizan v. 16, p. 21.)

Applying Divine Traditions of
"Progressivity" and "Respite" by Increasing Wealth and Children.

"Do they presume that the children and the wealth that We have given them, indicate the purpose that We intend to render supererogation service to them? No, that is not so but they do not understand that these [children and Wealth] may be means of trials!"

(Holy Quran: Momenoon. 55-56 .)

The meaning of the Verse is that: Do these people assume that if We have given them Wealth and Children, for a certain time and respite period, We do much like them or they are worth to be respected with Us, and We liked to meet their needs in a very short course?

No, they do not understand! It is vice versa, but they do not perceive the verity, the fact is that We have involved them in our "Progressivity and Respite Tradition," namely, if We have increased their wealth and children, We wanted them to go deeper into rebellion. This is the same content which Allah says: **I will gradually Seize them with punishment from where they do not perceive. And yet I respite them: Verily, My plan[Against them] is very strong!** (Holy Quran: Ghalam. 44-45 .)

The Infidels who have thought the Property and Children are rewards that we have rapidly granted them, they have got wrong, because the Property and Children are not benefits, they are "Progressivity and Respite Traditions." The Reward due to grant rapidly are what the Believers have towards the God, His Prophet, and the Day of Judgment, that is their Righteous Deeds!

(Almizan v. 29, p. 57.)

Translation is to be Continued...!