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Name of Allah Al-Haqq (The Truth)

Concept of the Name

Linguistic Meaning:

The term "Al-Haqq" linguistically implies certainty and reality. To "affirm something as haqq" means to be certain of its existence and truth. For example, one says, "I testify that Paradise is true (haqq) and Hellfire is true (haqq)."

[Tafsir of the Beautiful Names of Allah by Az-Zajjaj 1/53].

Meaning of Al-Haqq in Relation to Allah:

Allah is Al-Haqq, the Truth in His very essence and attributes. His existence is absolute, His attributes are perfect, and His presence is necessary by His own nature. Nothing exists except through Him.

He has always existed and will always exist, described by attributes of majesty, beauty, and perfection. He has eternally been known for His generosity and goodness.

- His word is true.
- His actions are true.

- Meeting Him is true.
- His messengers, books, and religion are true.
- Worshiping Him alone, with no partners, is the ultimate truth.

As Allah says: “That is because Allah is the Truth, and what they invoke besides Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the Most High, the Grand.” [Qur’an: 22: 62].

[Tafsir of the Beautiful Names of Allah by As-Sa’di 1/184].

Al-Haqq According to Scholars:

Al-Halimi (may Allah have mercy on him) said: “Al-Haqq is that which cannot be denied and must be affirmed and acknowledged. Acknowledging the existence of Allah is the most obligatory of recognitions when commanded to believe, as His undeniable signs are clearer and more abundant than those for anything else.”

[Al-Bayhaqi’s Book of Names and Attributes 1/44].

Interpretation of Al-Haqq by Al-Fakhr Al-Razi:

Al-Fakhr Al-Razi discussed the differing views on whether "Al-Haqq" is one of Allah’s names. He stated that "Al-Haqq" (the Truth) is a source term and the opposite of "Al-Batil" (falsehood). Generally, source terms are not used to describe doers (agents) except metaphorically, as in saying "So-and-so is justice, hope, support, generosity, or virtue."

He further explained that Al-Haqq could mean "the existent," and since Allah is necessarily existent by His own nature, He is the most deserving of the name "Al-Haqq" (the Truth), as He alone is self-sustaining in existence and all-encompassing truth.

[Mafatih Al-Ghayb (The Keys to the Unseen) by Al-Fakhr Al-Razi 13/17]

Occurrences of "Al-Haqq" in the Qur'an:

The name Al-Haqq (The Truth) referring to Allah is mentioned in the Qur'an in nine places. These verses highlight Allah's nature as the ultimate truth, in contrast to any falsehood. Here are these occurrences:

The Verses Where the Name of Allah "Al-Haqq" (The Truth) Appears:

"Then they [i.e., His servants] are returned to Allah, their true Lord. Unquestionably, His is the judgement, and He is the swiftest of accountants." [Qur'an: 6 : 62]

"There, [on that Day], every soul will be put to trial for what it did previously, and they will be returned to Allah, their master, the Truth, and lost from them is whatever they used to invent.

[Qur'an: 10: 30]

"For that is Allah, your Lord, the Truth. And what can be beyond truth except error. So how are you averted." [Qur'an: 10: 32]

"There the authority is [completely] for Allah, the Truth. He is best in reward and best in outcome." [Qur'an: 18: 44]

"So high [above all] is Allah, the Sovereign, the Truth. And, [O Muammad], do not hasten with [recitation of] the Qur'an before its revelation is completed to you, and say, "My Lord, increase me in knowledge." [Qur'an: 20: 114]

"That is because Allah is the True Reality and because He gives life to the dead and because He is over all things competent." [Qur'an: 22: 6]

"That is because Allah is the True Reality, and that which they call upon other than Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the Most High, the Grand." [Qur'an: 22: 62]

"So exalted is Allah, the Sovereign, the Truth; there is no deity except Him, Lord of the Noble Throne." [Qur'an: 23: 116]

"That is because Allah is the True Reality, and that what they call upon other than Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the Most High, the Grand." [Qur'an: 31: 30]

Occurrence of “Al-Haqq” (The Truth) in the Sunnah

Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "Allah has ninety-nine names, one hundred minus one; whoever memorizes them will enter Paradise. He is Allah, the One besides whom there is no deity, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful, the Sovereign, the Holy, the Source of Peace, the Giver of Security, the Protector, the Almighty, the Compeller, the Majestic, the Creator, the Originator, the Fashioner, the Forgiver, the Subduer, the Bestower, the Provider, the Opener, the All-Knowing, the Withholder, the Expander, the Abaser, the Exalter, the Giver of Honor, the Giver of Dishonor, the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing, the Judge, the Just, the Subtle, the All-Aware, the Forbearing, the Magnificent, the All-Forgiving, the Appreciative, the Most High, the Great, the Preserver, the Sustainer, the Reckoner, the Majestic, the Generous, the Watcher, the Responsive, the All-Encompassing, the Wise, the Loving, the Glorious, the Resurrector, the Witness, the Absolute Truth, the Trustee, the Possessor of Strength, the Firm, the Guardian, the Praiseworthy, the Keeper of Records, the Initiator, the Restorer, the Giver of Life, the Causer of Death, the Ever-Living, the Self-Sustaining, the All-Finding, the Illustrious, the Unique, the Eternal Refuge, the Able, the Powerful, the Preceder, the Delayer, the First, the Last, the Manifest, the Hidden, the Ruler, the Exalted, the Benevolent, the Acceptor of Repentance, the Avenger, the Pardoner, the Kind, the Possessor

of Majesty and Honor, the Just Judge, the Gatherer, the Rich, the Enricher, the Preventer, the Harmer, the Benefactor, the Light, the Guide, the Originator, the Everlasting, the Inheritor, the Guide to the Right Path, and the Patient."

[Recorded by Al-Tirmidhi, Hadith 3507]

From Tawus, who heard from Ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with them both), who said: When the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) would stand up at night to pray, he would say:

"O Allah, to You belongs all praise; You are the Sustainer of the heavens and the earth and all that is within them. To You belongs all praise; to You belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and all that is within them. To You belongs all praise; You are the Light of the heavens and the earth and all that is within them. To You belongs all praise; You are the King of the heavens and the earth. To You belongs all praise; You are the Truth, and Your promise is true, and meeting You is true, and Your word is true, and Paradise is true, and Hellfire is true, and the Prophets are true, and Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is true, and the Hour is true. O Allah, to You I have submitted, in You I believe, upon You I rely, to You I turn in repentance, and by You I argue. To You I refer for judgment, so forgive me for what I have done and what I have yet to do, for what I have kept secret and what I have made public. You are the One who brings forward,

and You are the One who delays. There is no god but You— or he said: There is no god other than You."

Sufyan added: And Abd al-Karim Abu Umayyah added: "There is no power nor might except with Allah."

[Reported by Al-Bukhari, 1120; Muslim, 769]

Worshiping Allah Through His Name "Al-Haqq" (The Truth)

1. Recognizing That Allah is the Ultimate Truth

Allah is the true, ultimate existence; His names and attributes are all true, and He is the truth in His Lordship and Divinity. All of His actions are inherently true.

2. Reverence and Magnification of Allah

Allah alone is the true existence, the true Lord, and the true God. All other existences are derived from Him. Therefore, one whose attributes are so supreme deserves to be glorified, worshiped, and devoted to exclusively.

3. Joy in Being Guided to the True Religion of Islam

Allah says, "So whoever Allah wants to guide, He opens his chest to Islam; and whoever He wants to misguide, He makes his chest tight and constricted as though he were

climbing into the sky. Thus Allah places defilement upon those who do not believe." [Qur'an: 6: 125]. Knowing Islam as the true religion brings a sense of happiness and gratitude for Allah's guidance.

4. Complete Submission to Allah's Commands

With certainty that all of Allah's rulings are true and just, believers find total acceptance and submission to His decrees.

5. Absolute Acceptance of and Belief in the Unseen

Since Allah's words are true, there should be no room for doubt in the unseen matters He has revealed. As Allah says, "And who is more truthful in statement than Allah?" [Qur'an: 4: 87].

6. True Reliance on Al-Haqq

A believer in the true religion of Allah places full trust in Him, confident that He will support and uphold His truth. Allah states, "So rely upon Allah; indeed, you are upon the clear truth." [Qur'an: 27: 79].

Ibn al-Qayyim explained, "For a servant to be on the side of truth requires achieving the state of reliance upon Allah, finding sufficiency in Him, and seeking refuge in His strong support, for Allah is the Truth, the Protector of truth, its supporter, and is sufficient for those who uphold it."

[Tareeq al-Hijratayn, Ibn al-Qayyim 1/257].

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Al-Haqq (The Truth)

Allah says, "So exalted is Allah, the Sovereign, the Truth." [Qur'an: 23: 116]. Ibn al-Athir explains, "Al-Haqq is the One truly existing, whose existence and Divinity are fully realized." As Al-Sa'di describes, "Al-Haqq in His essence and attributes is the necessary existent, perfect in all qualities and attributes. His existence is intrinsic, and nothing else exists except through Him."

Reflecting on this: Belief in Al-Haqq (The Truth) fills the believer with pure love and reverence for Allah, recognizing Him as the true Existence, the true Lord, and the true God, while everything else is created and sustained by Him.

Belief in Al-Haqq instills within the servant peace, confidence, submission, and total acceptance. Allah's religion is true, His promises are true, and His guidance is true. "So rely upon Allah; indeed, you are upon the clear truth." [Qur'an: 27: 79].

"O Allah, to You belongs all praise, You are the Truth, Your word is truth, and meeting with You is truth." May Allah keep us firm upon the truth.

Summary

Al-Haqq signifies Allah's absolute existence, perfection, and truth in His essence, actions, and commands. Everything in creation

depends on Him, and His promises, religion, and guidance are ultimate realities. Believing in Al-Haqq fills the heart with peace, submission, and reliance on Allah.