

# THE UNITY OF FAITH OF REASON

## WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

Allah (S.W.T.) has emphasised the importance of both faith and reason in the very first revelation given to the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.) in Sura Iqraa (ch. 96): verse 1:-

"Proclaim (or recite)! With the name of your Rabb, Who created..."

To recite, read, or proclaim means, 'to seek knowledge'.  
The expression, 'with the name of your Rabb' means to say, 'the acquisition of knowledge should be seasoned with a deep and sincere faith in Allah (S.W.T.).'

In numerous places of the Noble Quraan we find the following expressions:-

"For people who believe." (i.e., for those who have faith)."

And

"For people who think." (i.e., for those who seek knowledge)."

Our Rabb has given all the basic laws for humanity in the Holy Quraan, but he also wants us to think and build on these laws --- i.e., the laws of nature.

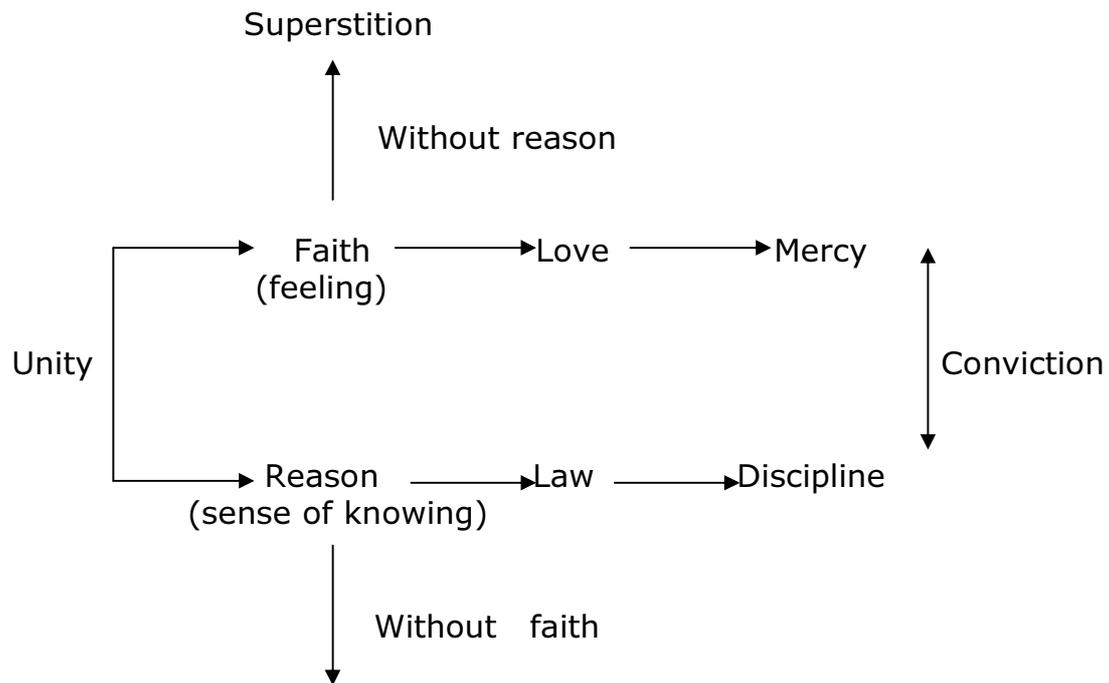
We read in Sura al-Nahl (ch. 16): verse 89:-

"... And we have sent down unto you as an explanation of everything and as a guide, a mercy and good news to the Muslims."

Then in Sura Yunus (ch. 10): verse 24 we are told:-

"... We explain the verses in detail for people who think."

Thus a good Muslim strives to develop both faith and reason !



- 1) Atheism (disbelief)
- 2) deprives one of the higher values --- i.e., love, mercy, graciousness, truth, justice, honour, etc.

During the great Muslim era, the following inscription was to be found at the entrances to the universities of Spain:-

The world is held up by four pillars:

- 1) the wisdom of the learned.
- 2) the justice of the great.
- 3) the prayers of the righteous.
- 4) the valour of the brave.

Now listen to our Nabie (S.A.W.):-

- 1) "The mind of the son of Adam (A.S.) will forever remain young when it is engaged in the pursuit of knowledge."
- 2) "There is no merit in reading anything over which one does not reflect."

- 3) "The ink of the scholar is more precious than the blood of the martyr."
- 4) "Whoever reveres the learned reveres me."
- 5) "Acquire knowledge. It enables the possessor to distinguish from wrong; it lights the way to heaven; it is our friend in the desert, our society in solitude, our companion when friendless; it guides us to happiness; it sustains us in misery; it is an ornament among friends and an armour against enemies."
- 6) "The superiority of a person of learning over a person given to mere worship is like the superiority of a full moon over the stars."
- 7) "To listen to the words of the learned and to instil into others the lessons of science is better than religious exercises."
- 8) "He dies not who takes to learning."

Now listen to Hadhrat Ali (R.A.):-

"Books are the flowers in the gardens of scholars."

### **Worksheet**

- 1) What does a good Muslim try to develop?

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- 2) Faith without reason can lead to \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Reason without faith can deprive people of \_\_\_\_\_

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- 4) Quote a verse from the Holy Quraan to show that our Rabb encourages us to observe and learn lessons from nature ?

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