

ALLAHU AKBAR

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- His ownership is real and ontological (haqiqi and takwini):
- He has total control over all His creation, and can lay any kind of effect on any one of them.
- Therefore, every sort of knowledge, wisdom, wealth and treasure is His, and totally under His control...
- we should engrave in our minds the fact that we are placing the most honored part of our body (our face) on the most insignificant of things (earth).

Takbiratul Ihram

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

- Allah is Greater
- This is when the *musalli* pronounces the words '*Allahu Akbar*' translated as 'God is the Greatest' or 'God is greater (than every other being)'.
• When uttering these words he must inculcate in himself the fact that no being in the world of creation is greater than Allah.
- He should visualize the reality that every element of his body and soul is totally dependent upon Allah's Will.
- Hence he has no reason to think for himself as possessing any degree of greatness whatsoever.
- Instead he should express his lowliness in front of his Great Lord in a way that he tangibly senses his total dependence to Him.
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