

ALHAMDU LILLAHI RABBIL AALAMEEN

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All Praise is due to God, the Lord of the Worlds

- The alphabet “Lam” is for enlightenment and meditation or for a certain measure.
- It stresses that God is the moving spirit behind all existence and it proves the solidity of the foundation, meditation, the all controlling nature of God.
- No matter who chants the praises, the fountainhead of action is God.
- He it is who praises and He it is who is praised.
- He is benign and He is the Master punisher and both the attributes are praiseworthy. His existence can only be described through these words.
- It is for all that exists and all that is not existent; because the unseen is already established.
- It is called the unseen and the unseen is under control because of the existence.
- All His attributes, the power to destroy and to rule depend on the manner He is praised.
- Nothing can be taken away from Him for He is Omnipotent.
- The attributes that return to Him are the attributes of those that exist.
- The praise is for the One who is glorified by repetition of praises and they are not separate.
- The praise itself is an attribute and His attributes are His entity.
- This is why we say that praise is for existing entity and His attributes.

The Lord of the Worlds

- It means the Lord and Master of the worlds.
- “Rab” is a comparative word and denotes the activeness of the entity.
- The universe “Alam” comes from “Ilm’ i.e. knowledge or from a station.
- It is like “Khatam” or one through whom knowledge is derived and this cannot be attributed to anyone else but God and in worldly terms it is connected with someone placed very prominently.
- The rule of God is not the same as the rule, neither of the worldly kings, nor like the authority of the parents, nor is like the control the self (nafs) has over a person’s body.
- It is similar to the control the self has over its powers in the sense that they are instrumental in elevating its status like a preserver or protector.
- God is like the nurturer, preserver and sustainer and this is why is known as the most beneficent and most merciful.