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**TRUST WELL, THRIVE WELL: THE
POWER OF THINKING GOOD OF ALLAH**

"I am as My servant thinks of Me"

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your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

Allah SWT says:

أَنَا عِنْدَ ظَنِّ عَبْدِي بِي

“I am as
My servant
thinks I am ”

(Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah)

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I've been thinking about this beautiful and powerful Hadith Qudsi where Allah SWT says: *I am as My servant thinks I am.* ([Muslim](#)) Allah SWT is Perfect and Above what our limited human mind can ever imagine, but in His Mercy, He lets our good thoughts pull His blessings closer. **What we believe about Him matters - because it changes everything in our lives.**

Ustazah Farhana taught us in [our last Solah Revision](#), when she shared the meaning of "*Subhanallah*" (*a Zikir we recite in Du'a Iftitah and also in our Ruku's and Sujuds*) that the utterance of Subhanallah is one of the ways we clean and purify our thoughts about Allah SWT.

We say it to clear out wrong ideas, doubts, or limits that we put on Him because *Subhanallah* should reaffirm in us that **He is way above all that.**

I've been implementing this myself - thinking well of Allah SWT, reminding myself that He is always with me, on my side, and He wants me to win! And Alhamdulillah, the shift has been a quiet revolution: my heart lighter, my days calmer, and a deep peace settles within me.

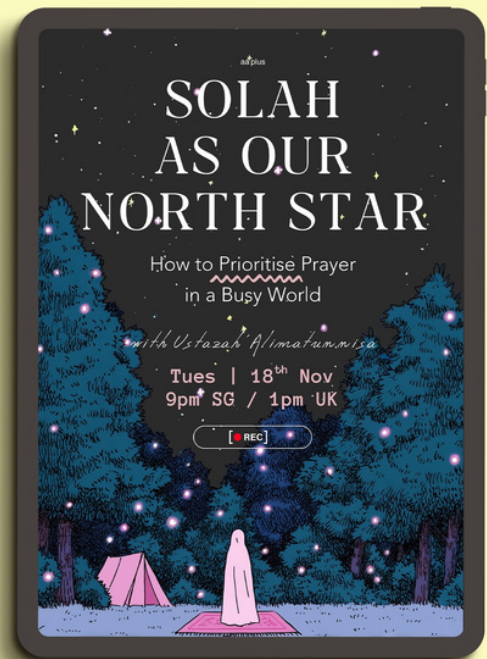
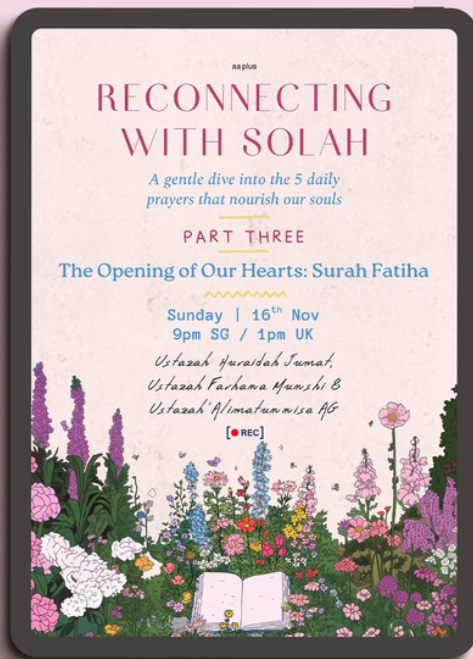
I remember one of my teachers saying, "Take full advantage of this Hadith! Allah SWT is how we think of Him. So think of Him as Generous, and He'll show His generosity. Think of Him as Merciful, and His Mercy will surround you." (And Subhanallah, He really is all that **and more.**)

And if do think badly of Allah SWT, we are actually doing ourselves a disservice, because Allah SWT is Supreme and Perfect regardless of how you and I think of Him. We are the ones who lose out when we doubt Him. :(

And of course, we do need balance - just like how our teachers would always remind us to flap both the wings of fear ***and*** hope. Respect His Justice, but lean on His Promises. Know that He is All-Powerful, but His Mercy far outweighs His Wrath. But here's what I've learned: when I lean to good thoughts and I have trust in Him, **I thrive**. Hard times hurt less, and good ones feel even better, Alhamdulillah.

So Champs, here's an actionable: for every *Subhanallah* we recite, in and outside our Solah, let it be a quick cleanse, a good wiping away of bad thoughts about Him. Let it polish our Husnuzon of Allah SWT! **Start today.** And make each and every one count! ❤️

aa plus event!



Ma Sha Allah, we are cruising through our 2nd week of our Solah Event, and this week we will reconnect and dive deeper into the timeless treasures of Surah Fatiha, the Mother of the Quran, the Surah where Rasulullah ﷺ declared, **"There is no Salat for the one who does not recite Fatiha."** ([Tirmidhi](#)) Every single Ayah in this often recited Surah is jam-packed with gems upon gems, and I cannot wait to learn it together with all of you! We will also be having our beloved Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa with us as she shares practical tips on prioritising **The Priority**, aka our Solah, in this whirlwind world of endless distractions. Looking forward to levelling up our Solah adventures, Bismillah!

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We continued our Solah review sessions, learning about the conditions for the validity of our prayers as well as the essential integrals of Solah. We also learnt about the different intentions we can bring to our prayers (Ustazah shared SO MANY beautiful ones, Ma Sha Allah!) and we also delved deeper into the blessed Du'a Iftitah - ***the opening, before the Opening (Surah Fatiha)***. Prepare to be blown away by the meanings of the Du'a too, as we go through the breakdown with Ustazah Farhana!

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a beautiful du'a

Ya Allah,
may our eyes,
ears and skin
light up every
time we hear
the Athan.

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#abeautifuldua

I was on a Zoom Call with one of my Quran teachers when I had to pause my recitation because the Athan for Asr prayer came in. When the call to prayer ended, my teacher made one of the most beautiful Du'a - she said, "May your eyes always light up when you hear the Athan. May your ears light up when you hear the Athan. May your skin light up when you hear the Athan!". Oh, what a blessing to be able to hear the call of prayer, answer to it, and be invited to stand on the prayer mat to have a one-on-one date with your Beloved. ❤️

gratitude garden



GRATEFUL FOR THE HOUR BETWEEN MAGHRIB AND ISHA

One of my most cherished pockets of productivity happens during the short but full of barakah hour between Maghrib and Isha. I use it to read / memorise the Quran, to journal, to ponder, and in fact,

I am writing this Closer email during this hour too! What about you? **When is your golden hour?** And how do you spend your hour between these two evening prayers?

mindset shift

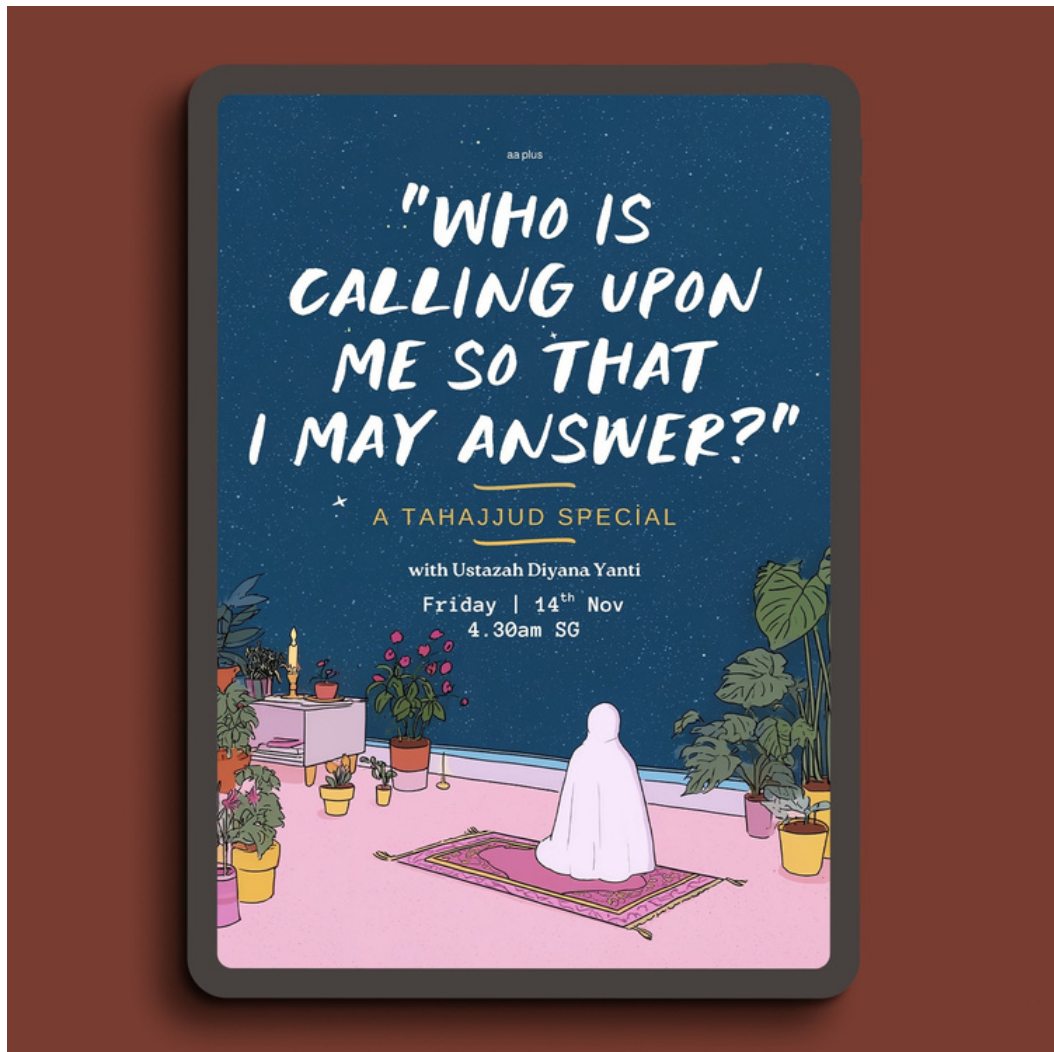
YOU'RE
NOT LATE.
YOU'RE JUST
ON THE
SCENIC
ROUTE.

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I was deeply inspired by a group of young Malaysian students who resided in Casablanca when they came to visit me a while ago. Instead of taking the sleek Buraq high-speed train that zips you here in Tangier in two effortless hours, they chose the longer, meandering 5- hour route that winds through

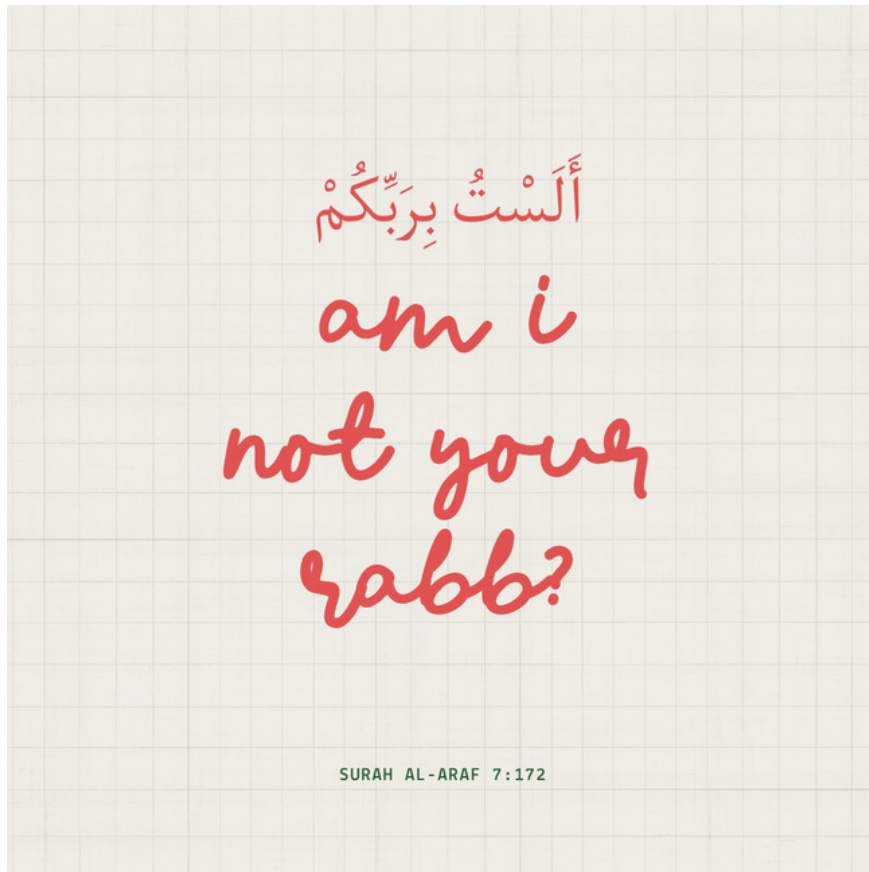
Morocco's beautiful and scenic countryside. They traded haste for horizons: seeing the olive groves, villages etched in ochre, and shepherds tending to their flocks under endless blue skies. Yes, the journey was "longer", but it enriched their souls, and they all arrived at my doorstep safely, not a moment too late, brimming with stories and serenity! In their choice, I learned that one is never delayed in life, for perhaps Allah SWT is simply putting you on the scenic path! So pause, breathe in the wildflowers, and let the journey remind you that you will arrive at your destination nonetheless, so savour it, there's no need to sprint!

champs challenge



Champs, this week, I invite you to challenge yourself to wake up for Tahajjud and answer Allah's Call when He asks, "Who is calling upon Me so that I may answer?" ([Tirmidhi](#)) Plus, it's been too long since we all gathered for Tahajjud, which is why I am so excited to have our Session with Ustazah Diyana during the special / sacred / "romantic" hours of Tahajjud tomorrow, In Sha Allah. So come, as we gather together to do Zikirs and Du'as. PS: Our Tahajjud Calls are a camera- free zone, so rest easy and come with nothing but a present heart!

Questions from the Quran



We are now already at Juzuk 8 in our [114 Club: Road to Ramadan Khatam program](#), Ma Sha Allah! As I was reading through the Ayahs from this Juzuk, I came across the Ayah of our very first promise / testimony we've ever made to Allah SWT, where all of us, you and me, and everyone we love, from the first creation to the last, testified that Allah SWT is indeed our Rabb. Every time I come across this Ayah, I get goosebumps, because it reminds me of my sole purpose of being here in this world - to be His Abd, His servant, and to fulfil and honour our sacred vow. PS: Also, am I the only one who imagines how this scene played out during the realm of the soul? I imagine rows and rows of "light" emanating as we testified!

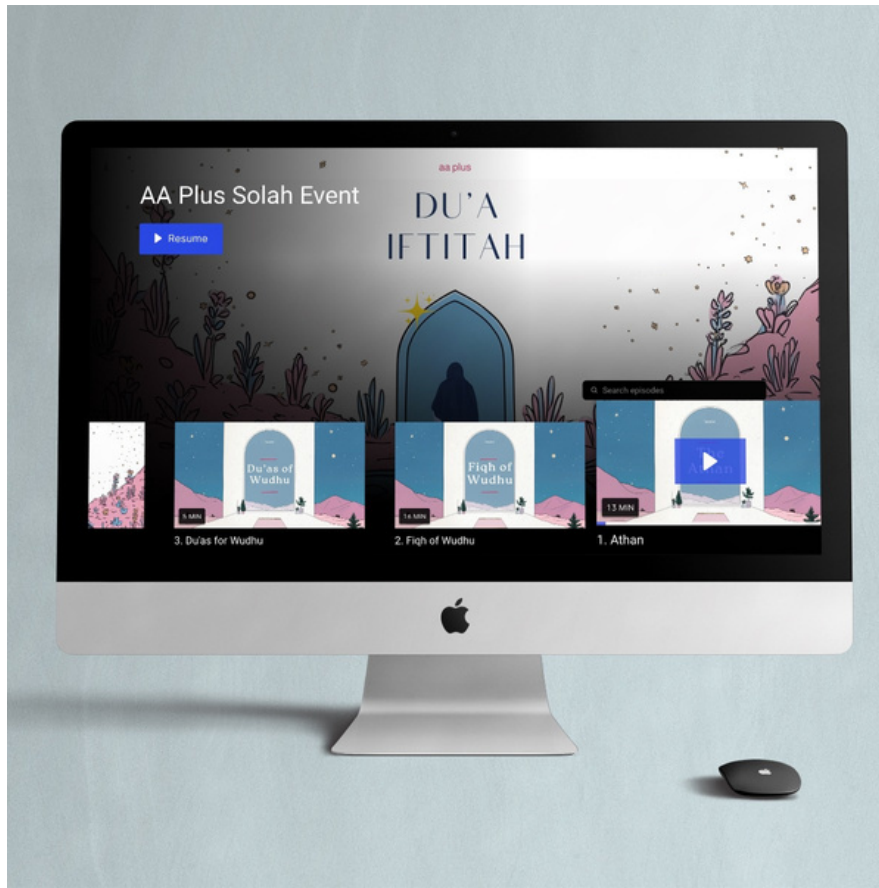
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to ponder



One of my dearest friends shared with me her dream of memorising the Quran, but doubt shadowed her words. *"What if it takes forever? What if I falter?"*. I paused and reminded her that she had, in fact, already memorised Surah al-Mulk and a number of shorter Surahs, and if she could do it through the "chaos" that was her life then, why doubt Allah SWT's Mercy now? She smiled and said, "Subhan'Allah, why do we always fear for the worst when our history has shown us our resilience, proving time and again that Allah SWT always guides us from the moment we start and across the finishing line?". 🥺 So Champs, what will you strive to do today knowing that for every challenge you've faced thus far, you've always come out of it, stronger and wiser than before?

ps:



In case you missed it, we have been playing these short video snippets in our Solah Revision Sessions and I'm happy to share that they are all now uploaded to the AA Plus Website! This Video playlist will also be automatically updated as we move forward in our Solah event, so please give it some love as my team gave our all in creating them!

[Watch Solah Video Replays Here](#)

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