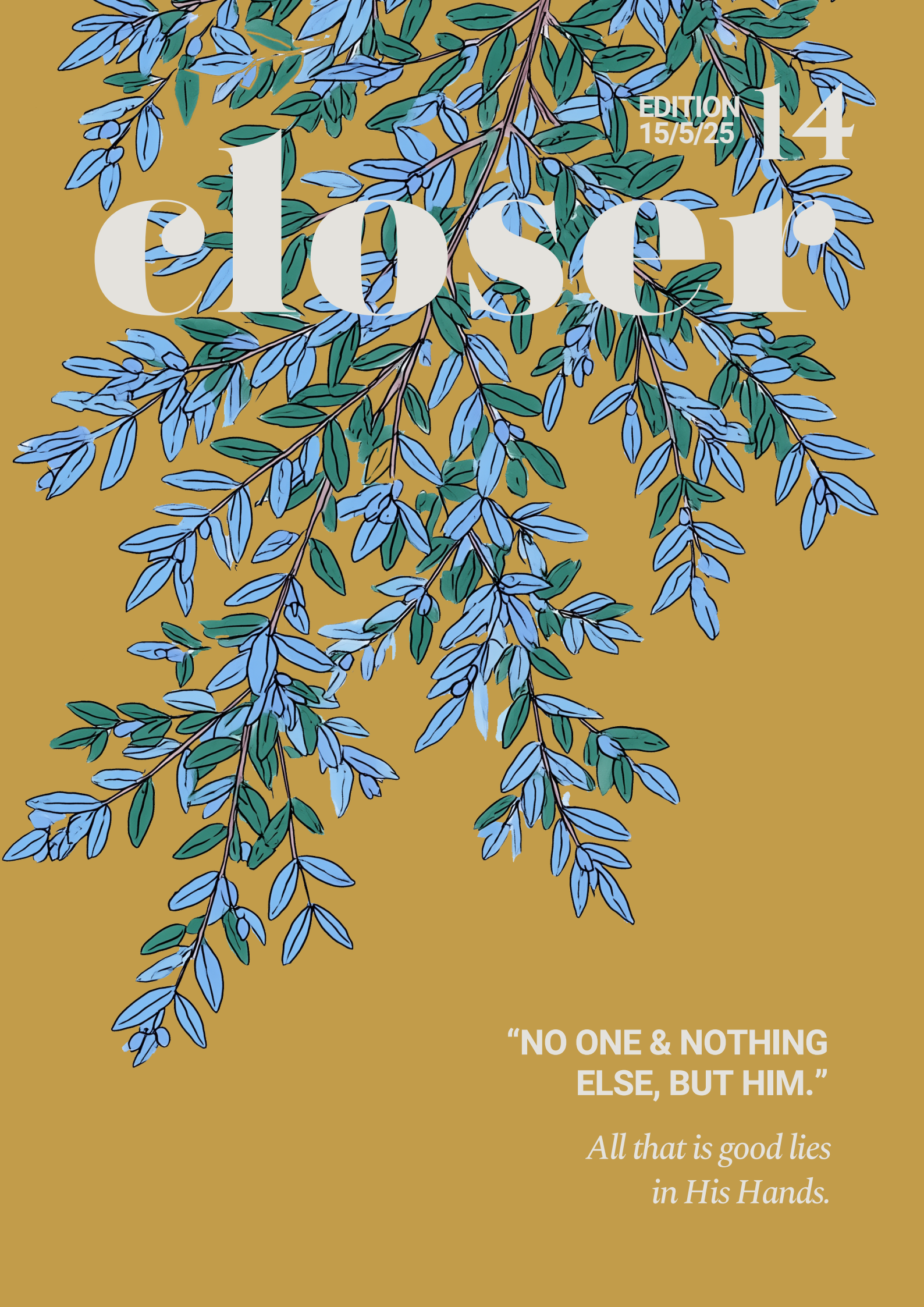




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"NO ONE & NOTHING
ELSE, BUT HIM."

*All that is good lies
in His Hands.*

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*“O Allah! Lord over all authorities!
You give control to whoever You will
and remove it from whoever You will;
You elevate whoever You will and
humble whoever You will.
All that is good lies in Your hand:
You have power over everything.”*

-Quran 3:26

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I have been sitting with the Ayah above from Surah Ali-Imran lately and absolutely no words can express how...**in awe** I feel over Allah SWT's Majesty. His Greatness is so great that no string of words put together by a mere human can even come close to describing His Power. Only He Himself can do that, Subhanallah.

Only Allah SWT can give control to Whoever He wills.

And only He can remove it from Whoever He wills.

And only He elevates Whoever He wills.

And only He humble Whoever He wills.

Subhnallah.

I remember one of my teachers sharing with me about how Allah SWT ordered the fire for Prophet Ibrahim AS to remain cool. We all know this story, right? But do you know that there was a reason why Allah SWT **specifically ordered the fire only for Prophet Ibrahim AS** to be cool? Because every single fire in the Universe follows and obeys the command of Allah SWT. So even when the rope that was used to tie Prophet Ibrahim AS was burned, he AS was not hurt the slightest because the fire was made cool ONLY FOR HIM. Isn't that so cool?!

There is a big shift when we live our lives with the full understanding that Allah SWT has Power over everything.

When we understand this, we act differently.

We walk, talk, work, love, play, think, and give differently.

Because we know that we have Allah SWT, the One Who has power over everything, guiding us, protecting us, sustaining us, nurturing us,

and loving us in the most perfect and complete way, our heart steadies even when the Dunia tries to shake us.

There is a difference between ***knowing*** Allah SWT can do anything versus ***witnessing and believing with full conviction*** that He truly will.

I pray may we get closer and closer to experiencing this Truth for ourselves so that we can run to Him in utmost neediness, understanding that **everything we need can only come from Him.**

No one and nothing else can give it to us, but Him.

a beautiful du'a

Ya Allah,
strengthen me *in*
Your Deen, purify
me *through* Your
Deen, beautify me
with Your Deen.

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Praying for strength, purity and beauty for all of us. **Amin.**

gratitude garden



GRATEFUL THAT I DIDN'T SKIP THE STRUGGLE

This one is for all of you who showed up today, even though it was extremely hard to do so!! May Allah SWT reward you in abundance for not giving up! Like Ustazah Huraidah once said in our Class, "Struggles are like cuddles from Allah." So don't skip it! Overcome it, and I promise you it will all be worth it. ❤️

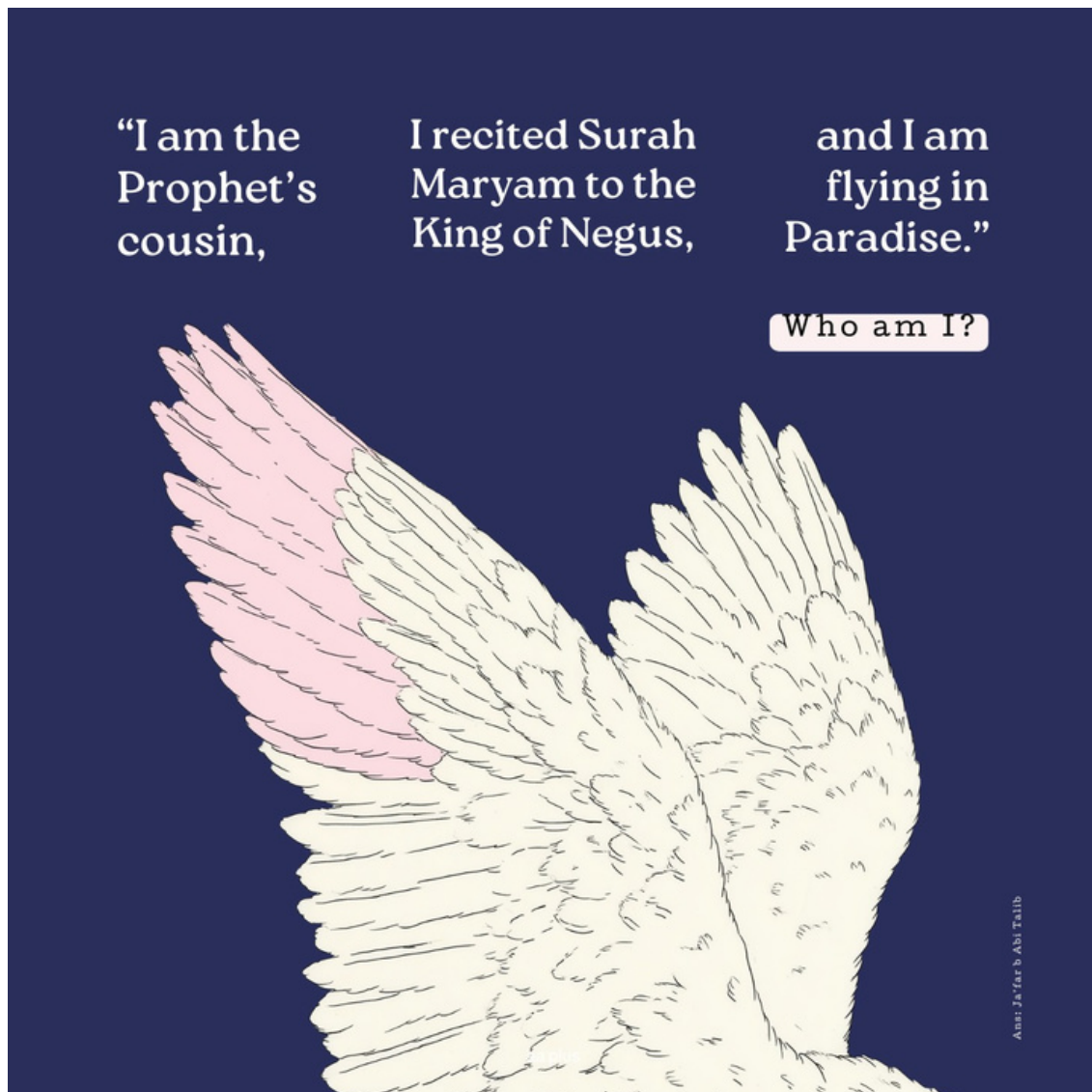
mindset shift

TO BE
WORSHIP-
ORIENTED.
NOT
RESULT-
ORIENTED

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Trying to do my best to remember that the results and final outcomes are in Allah's Domain, but doing the actual worship and following His Commandments are mine. I will be asked and held responsible for what I did and did not do, but I will not be questioned about the circumstances or results that have already been perfectly set and written for me by my Rabb. So when I find myself worrying about the end result, I shift my focus back to giving my all in my present efforts instead.

guess the companion!



Seerah-Enthusiast, here's your second Sahabah to guess. He is the brother of Saydina Ali RA (big clue here!), was the first to migrate to Abyssinia, and was chosen as a spokesperson for the Muslims when they spoke against the Quraish with the Negus. He was martyred in the Battle of Mu'tah against the Byzantines where he lost his two arms, but Rasulullah SAW comforted his family by saying, "I saw him flying in Jannah along with the angels" and hence he was later known with the nickname, ***Dhul Janahain***, the two-winged person". Who is he?

(PS: Answer is in the image above!)

a blessed language

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a very familiar word:

عَفْوًا

[Afwan]

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Like plenty of other Arabic words, 'afwan' can be used to mean different things when in different contexts. It is commonly used in 2 very different situations!

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SITUATION
ONE:
WHEN
APOLOGISING

4/9

boring translation:

“Sorry!”

deeper translation:

“ Please don't hold it
against me, and may only
the best of rewards from
Allah (SWT) be for you”

5/9

Afwan:
Apologising + Making Du'a
for Allah SWT to give
reward to the other person

وَجَزَّوْا سَيِّئَةً سَيِّئَةً مِّثْلُهَا
فَمَنْ عَفَا وَأَصْلَحَ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ

" whoever pardons and
makes reconciliation -
his reward is from Allah." "

Quran 42:40

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SITUATION
TWO:
WHEN REPLYING
TO “SHUKRAN”

7/9

boring translation:

"You're welcome!"

deeper translation:

"Not a problem, I gave you with ease and peace as it is what I could spare above my family and my own needs."

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Allah SWT says:

وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ مَاذَا يُنْفِقُونَ قُلِ الْغَفْوُ

"They 'also' ask you 'O Prophet' what they should donate. Say, "Whatever you can spare."."

Quran 2:219

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Also, embedded in the word 'afwan' is the beautiful practice of giving help before we are asked for it.

Isn't that beautiful?

Sharing with you yet another popular Arabic word this week: Afwan!
How many of you are like me and thought that it only means "Sorry"?
Well, read through the slides and get ready to learn about this
dynamic everyday word!

to ponder

Champs.

If you see
something
beautiful in
someone, do
you express it?

Champs, I am unashamed to say I admire loudly. Whenever I see something beautiful, whether big or small, I do my best to give my compliments to the artist / owner / creator and, of course, to attribute it back to the Main Artist / Owner / Creator, Allah SWT Himself. You never know if your kind words can turn someone's day or give confidence to someone who truly needs it. So if you see something lovely today, I challenge you to express your appreciation for it and to thank Allah SWT, al-Jameel Himself, for allowing you to witness something that brings coolness to your eyes. ❤️

ending with His Words

CHOOSE AN AYAH



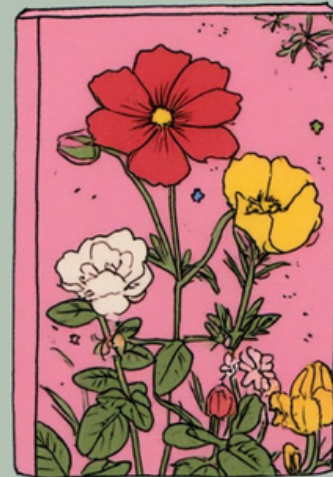
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Quran 15:99



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Quran 16:40



3

Quran 28:87

An Ayah is a Sign.
So click on one and follow it.
[Ayah 1](#) | [Ayah 2](#) | [Ayah 3](#)

FIN.

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