

The Name of Allah Al-Wadud

The One Whom We Love, The Creator of Love

The One Who is Seeking Love from His Creation to Benefit them.

Definition of Wud

1. It doesn't have a connotation of romance. It doesn't have a selfish element.
2. Wudd is a special kind of love which Allah has and provide benefits to his creation. Unlike Wudd, Love is not necessarily manifested in action. It could be just abstract love that has no application in reality. We love because we expect something back that results from this love.
3. Is the name of Allah Al-Wadud a name of beauty or greatness?
4. Who benefits from Al-Wadud? Allah or us?
5. Allah seeks our love to benefit us. Even though He doesn't benefit from this love to us or from us.
6. Allah is the maker of love. What would happen if Allah didn't create love? What would happen if Allah doesn't allow Shytan's hate? O' my slaves¹
7. The love crisis today is the main cause of today's hate and lack of love.
8. Is it fair that Allah loves the good guys and dislikes the bad guys? Who is the one who is fair when he loves and fair when he dislikes? Allah is. The name of Al-Wadud doesn't apply to criminals and wrong doers.

Motivations resulting from the love of Allah to us and from us,

1. People pray for three reasons, one of them is that one prays because he has to pray. What are the other two? Want to pray and love to pray.

يا عبادي! اني حرمت الظلم على Y يقول الله: عن النبي عليه الصلاة والسلام أنه قال قال في الأحاديث القدسية مثلما ثبت في الصحيح عن أبي ذر¹ نفسي وجعلته بينكم محرماً فلا تظالموا، يا عبادي! كلكم ضال إلا من هديته فاستهدوني أهدكم، يا عبادي! كلكم عار إلا من كسوته فاستكسوني أكسكم، يا عبادي! كلكم جانع إلا من أطعمته فاستطعموني أطعمكم، يا عبادي! إنكم لن تبلغوا ضري فتضروني ولن تبلغوا نفعي فتنفعوني. يا عبادي! إنكم تخطئون بالليل والنهار وأنا أغفر الذنوب جميعاً فاستغفروني أغفر لكم، يا عبادي! لو أن أولكم وآخركم وإنسكم وجنكم كانوا على أتقى قلب رجل واحد منكم ما زاد ذلك في ملكي شيئاً، يا عبادي! لو أن أولكم وآخركم وإنسكم وجنكم كانوا على أفجر قلب رجل واحد منكم ما نقص ذلك من ملكي شيئاً، يا عبادي! لو أن أولكم وآخركم وإنسكم وجنكم قاموا في صعيد واحد فسألوني فأعطيت كل إنسان مسألته ما نقص ذلك مما عندي شيئاً إلا كما ينقص المخيط إذا أدخل البحر، يا عبادي! إنما هي أعمالكم أحصيها لكم ثم أوفيكم إياها فمن وجد خيراً، فليحمد الله ومن وجد غير ذلك فلا يلومن إلا نفسه خرجه الإمام مسلم في صحيحه.

كما سمعتم أيها المستمعون Y هذا الحديث العظيم يسمى حديثاً قدسياً، وهو دال على فوائد عظيمة من كلام الرب

2. The love of Allah is the most important thing in this existence. Why? Can you worship Allah if you don't love him? Can you hate Allah and at the same time worships him?
3. If you don't care about Allah, he would care about you as well. [25:77]. If you ignore him, he would ignore you, if you come to him walking, he comes to you running².
4. The three motivations are love of Allah, love of Jannah and fear of his punishment. We worship Allah using all three motivations. Otherwise, we wouldn't worship correctly.
5. Some people claim that they worship Allah because of love alone. This is not correct. Allah clearly stated in the Quran that all three are required. See Al-^raf [7:56], Al-Ra^d [13:12] Al-Room [30:24], Al-Sagda [32:16].
6. Can we love other than Allah? If we can, how do we know is it a good love or an evil love.
7. Every one who loves others the good love will suffer when his loved ones leave him/her. The love of Allah is always there because he is ever lasting.

Manifestation of the Name Al-Wadud

1. Give four examples of the love created by Allah?
 - a. Love to spouse. It produces comfort وجعل بينكم مودة ورحمة،
 - b. Love of parents to their children.
 - c. Love between family members.
 - d. Love between believer who share the same heavenly goal. لو أنفقت ما في الأرض جميعا This love caused the rise of Islam.
 - e. Love to the Prophet SAW. By following his traditions. If you love Allah, then follow the Prophet SAW³ Family of ^mran [3:31]

² هذا حديث صحيح عن النبي ﷺ: قال الله Y: أنا عند ظن عبدي بي وأنا معه حين يذكرني، فإن ذكرني في نفسه ذكرته في نفسي، وإن ذكرني في ملأٍ خير منه، وإن تقرب إلي شبرا تقربت منه ذراعا، وإن تقرب مني ذراعا تقربت منه باعا، وإن أتاني يمشي أتيته هرولة هذا من الرب Y حث للعباد على ذكره والمسايرة إلى طاعته I.

³ آل عمران - الآية 31 قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

2. You must link what you love to the love of Allah. I love parents because I love Allah. I love money is linked to the love of Allah by earning Halal and spend it Halal.
3. Connection with the love of Allah he loves what you love and dislikes what Allah dislikes and forbids.
4. If you make a mistake,
 - a. what would be the reactions of the ones who love you? They would forgive you and make the mistake as not a big deal.
 - b. The reactions of the ones who hate you? They will magnify the problem and make it look like a big deal
 - c. the parent who love you would punish you to stop.
 - d. What about the ones who don't know you? It depends on their nature and perception of the surroundings.
5. Does Allah deprive the ones whom he dislikes from drinking his water, eating his food, breathe his air and live on his earth? Does he take away the guardian angels that protect them? Does he take away their free will? Why?
6. When others hate you, is it because you have done something wrong? Give example of the enemies of Allah. Allah didn't make a mistake or did something wrong. Yet, they hate Allah.

How Allah has been seeking our love?

1. Mention the story of Prophet Yaqoob (Jacob) and his brother Alies (Esau). Jacob and Esau. How did Yaqoob manage to make his brother love him?
2. What happen when you give gifts to a person who has good heart? What is he had a bad heart?
3. What is the bribe? When is it giving gifts becomes an act of bribe and when is it an act of seeking love?
4. Mention the joke about the two opponents who bribed the judge.
5. What is the worst sin after Shirk? How is that related to lack of gratitude?

6. Give five examples of the general gifts coming from Allah and five examples of the favors special to you as a person.
7. How does Allah remind us about his favors other than mentioning them in the Quran?
8. Does Allah want us to be Wadud?
9. Who is the Al-Wadud wife? What did the Prophet SAW say about Al-Wadud wife?
10. An example of one Du[^]a that invokes the love of Allah⁴.

⁴ أسألك حبك وحب من يحبك وحب عمل يقربني إلى حبك