



Al-mushkilatu l-kubrā fi l-falsafati l-gharbiyya hiya mas'alatu l-yaqīn. Wa hiya lam tuḥalla ḥattā l-yawm. Ammā naḥnu l-muslimūna fa 'indanā ḥallan baṣīṭan li hādhihi l-mu'dila huwa t-tawakkul. Al-ba'du yaqūl: At-tawakkulu huwa aṣlu sh-shajaratī wa l-yaqīnu huwa th-thamara, wa ākharīna yaqūlūna: al-yaqīnu huwa aṣlu sh-shajara wa t-tawakkulu huwa th-thamra.

Wa t-tawakkulu huwa an tathiqa fi aḥadin wa ta'taminuh.

Fa idhā sa'ala fāqida th-thiqa in kāna hunāka asbāban li hādhihi th-thiqa, fa naqūlu lahu: bi l-'aks, lā yūjadu mubarrirun li th-thiqa wa lan yūjad, la'anna th-thiqa nafsahā hiya asāsu kulli shay'. Innahā quwwatun ta'malu fi a'māqi n-nafs.

Ar-rajulu l-musinnu yarā kayfa yashuqu sh-shābu ṭarīqahu ilā ṣ-ṣaḥarā', fa yas'aluh: „Hal ma'aka zādun yakfī?“ Fa yaruddu sh-shāb: „Hal tarā aḥadan ghayra l-llāh?“ Fa yaqūlu sh-shaykh: „Tābi' fi amān!“

Naḥnu l-muslimūna 'indanā zādun khāṣṣun li ṭ-ṭarīq ath-thiqatu fi l-llāh! Wa l-llāhu 'azza wa jalla yaṭlubu minnā an nathiqa bih wa natawakkalu alai!

The main problem of Western philosophy is that of certainty. It has not been solved until today. But we Muslims have a simple solution to this problem, which is tawakkul. And some say twakkul is the tree trunk and yaqīn is its fruit. Others say yaqīn is the tree trunk and tawakkul is its fruit.

To have tawakkul is to have confidence in someone, to trust.

And if a mistrustful person asks what good reason there is to trust, we tell him: it is the other way round. There is no reason for trust, and there never will be, because trust itself is the reason for everything: a force working in the depths of the soul.

An old man sees a boy setting out for the desert. And he asks him, „Do you have enough provisions with you?“ The boy replies, „Do you see anything other than Allah?“ Then the old man says, „Go ahead!“

We Muslims have a special provision for our lives: trust in Allah. And Allah Himself asks us to trust Him:

وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ

„And trust in the Living One Who does not die, and praise His praiseworthiness ...“ (25:58)

وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا

And trust in Allah; for Allah is sufficient as a protector. (33:3)

رَبُّ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَاتَّخِذْهُ وَكِيلًا

„(He is) the Lord of the East and the West - there is no god but He; therefore take Him for a protector.“ (73:9)

فَإِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ

„...And if thou art resolved, then put thy trust in Allah; for verily Allah loves those who put their trust in Him.“ (3:159-160)