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QUESTION NO.01

**Identify the general tragedy of human beings and the solution of that problem presented with reference to Surah Al Asar.**

Many of us spent a quality of time on browsing web pages or skimming through the pages of a book or listening a seminar centered on the topic of SUCCESS tips. If ALLAH wills, we can reach new heights in this world through these success tips. The question arises here is the success tips we have learned does really works for each and everyone. For a while let us assume that it does but at a same time do, they also work for us in the life of hereafter. Because as a Muslims we believe that we will be resurrected after death. What will be the use of such success tips that does not help us in both the lives?

In Surah Al-Asar, bare minimum requirement to pass the exam of Allah has been mentioned.

*Al-Asr, (Arabic: العصر, The Declining Day, Eventide, The Epoch, Time") is the 103rd chapter of the Qur’an, the Muslim holy book. It contains three verses.*

وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلصَّبْر

*Meaning- By time, mankind is in loss, except those who exhorts people towards truth and exhorts people towards patience.*

Surah Asr is one of the shortest and most comprehensive Surahs of the Quran. It contains three verses. About this Surahs, Imam Shafie says: if it was the only Surah in Quran then it would have been sufficient for the guidance of people, provided they meditate over it. If we analysis this Surah, it reveals four conditions of success. If someone fails to attempt any three or less than four rules, he will be considered fail in the exam. Because these are the bare minimum conditions to go through this exam. There is a **AND** gate with which these rules are connected. Any of the one false results in the whole output false. So, its very important to follow these rules in order to get success.

1) Believe (Iman)

2) Righteous deeds

3) Exhorts people towards truth

4) Exhorts people towards patience.

**Explanation:**

Surah Al-Asr, despite it being so short, It has a very profound meaning; in terms of a general sense some of the scholars they say that the overall meaning of Surah Al-Asr Is a message about success; the definition of what real successes And what real failure looks like.

Ideas of success whether they come from, do they come from a reading the Quran, listening to the words of the prophet (saw) or have they been fed to us from the media, had been fed to us through Society our environment, you know, and if that is the case, how does it stack up to The definition of success given to us for example Surah Al-Asr?

Allah’s perspective on things is the correct perspective, is the only true perspective.

Allah says, the reason why they’re not included amongst those that are in loss is because they do four things: Yes, these four key qualities define our understanding of who is a good person.

Do we still class them as a good person from a point of view Islam? and the answer is given in this Surah.

So the definition of who is successful is based on these if these four things are encapsulated in a person’s belief and character and lifestyles then they are considered to be a good person based on the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah of the prophet (saw).

To be a successful human being, to be a good person, a good Muslim part of it is going out there and being very open about your faith with other people.

Embody four characteristics: Faith, Good Deeds, openly propagating Islam and being steadfast on the consequences of all of this.

In comparison to so many success tips from the persons who proclaimed themselves as successful, Almighty ALLAH only gives 4 tips which are very beneficial for each and every one to succeed in this life as well as in a life to come with a 100% guarantee. In the Holy Quran, ALLAH says:

I swear by the passage of time, that man is surely in a state of loss, except those who believe and do good deeds, and ask one another to hold fast to the Truth, and who ask one another to have patience. {Surah Al-Asr/103:1-3}

If you did not get the 4 success tips from Almighty ALLAH, then see the following:

I swear by the passage of time, that man is surely in a state of loss, except those who believe

and do good deeds,

and ask one another to hold fast to the Truth,

and who ask one another to have patience.

We can draw conclusions that faith in ALLAH protect us from the torments, afflictions, disgrace and becomes a way to attain salvation etc., not only in this life but also in the life to come after.

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