



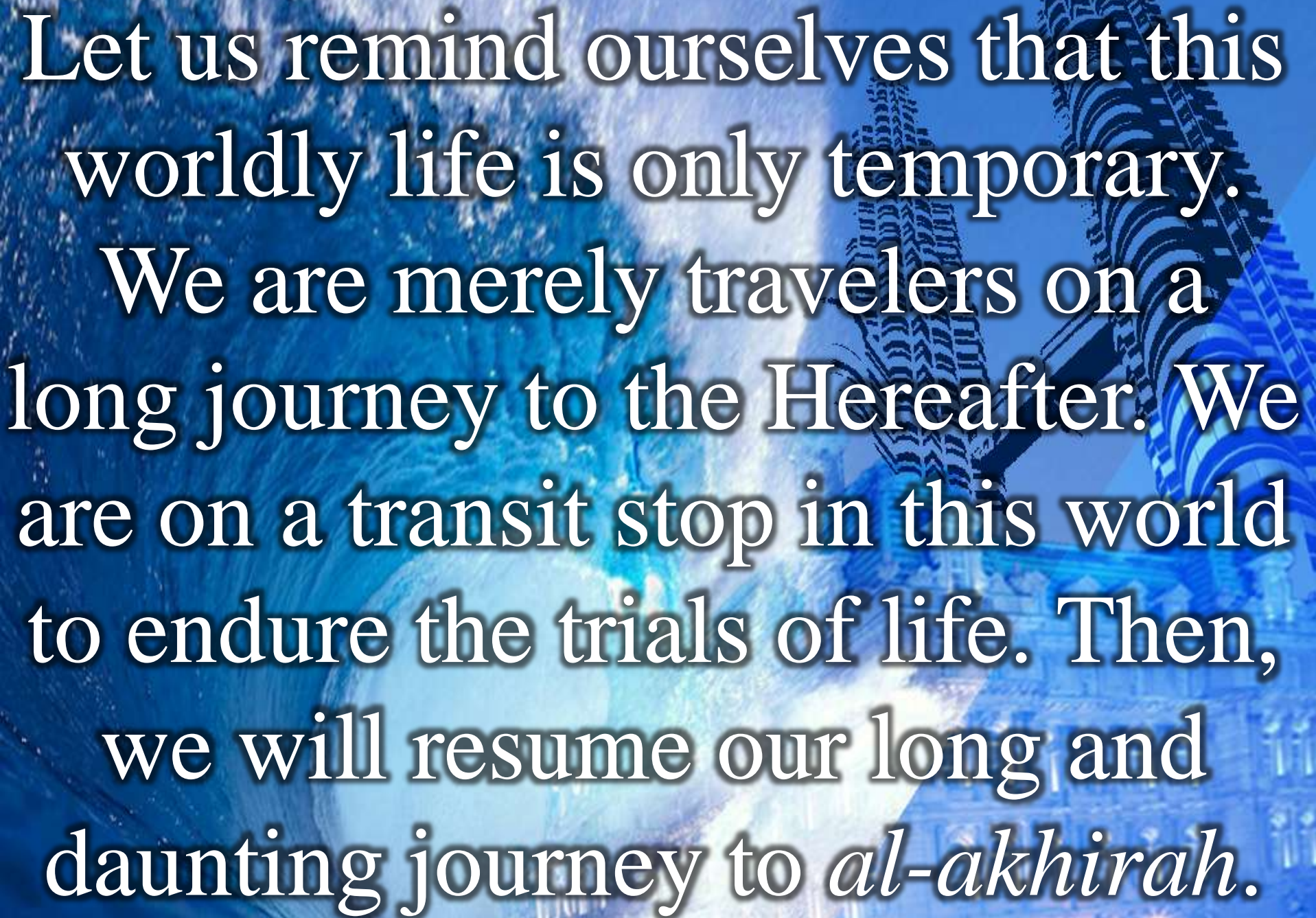
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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

LESSONS FROM THE RECENT TSUNAMI

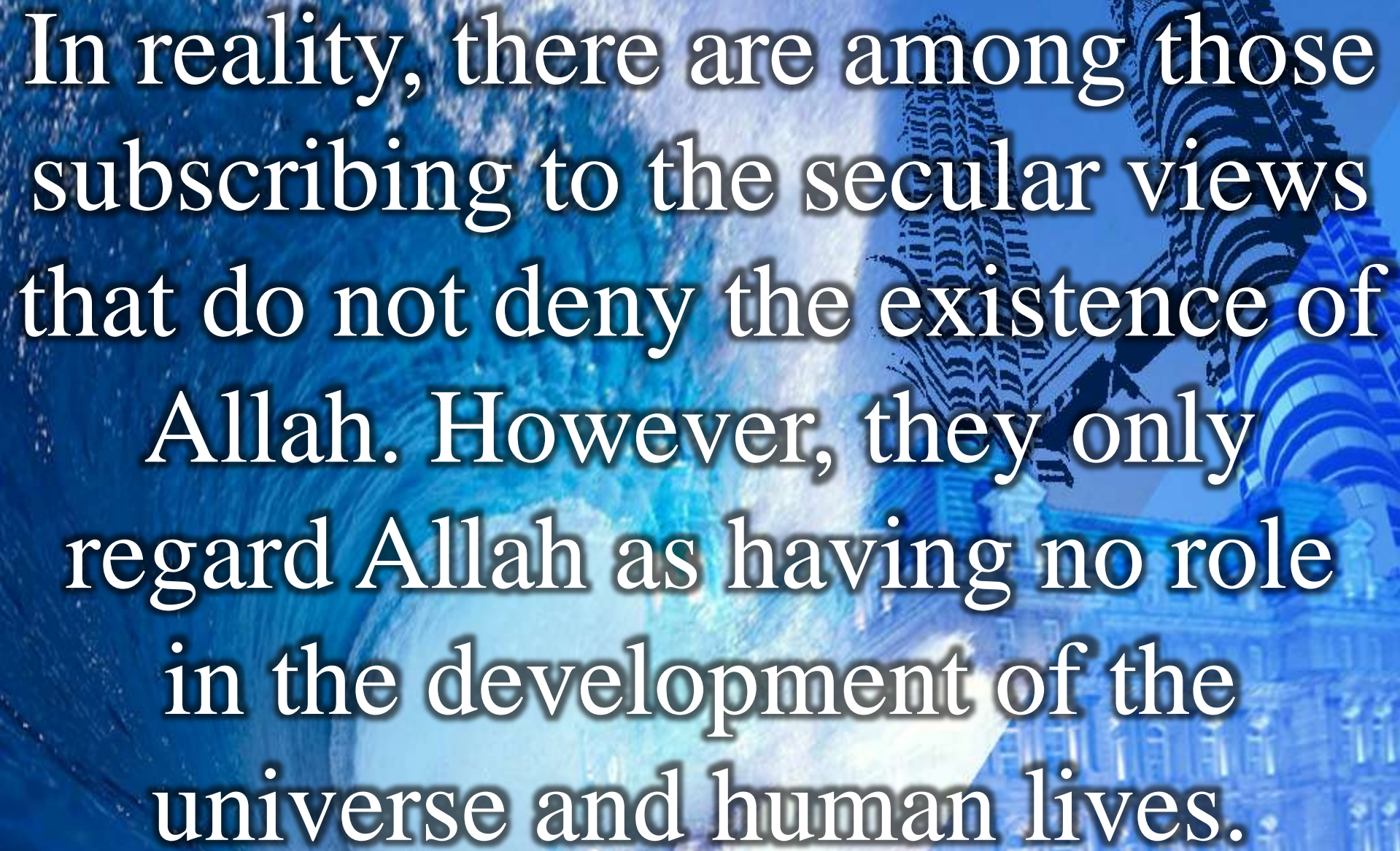


I remind myself and fellow audience to have absolute *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commandments and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

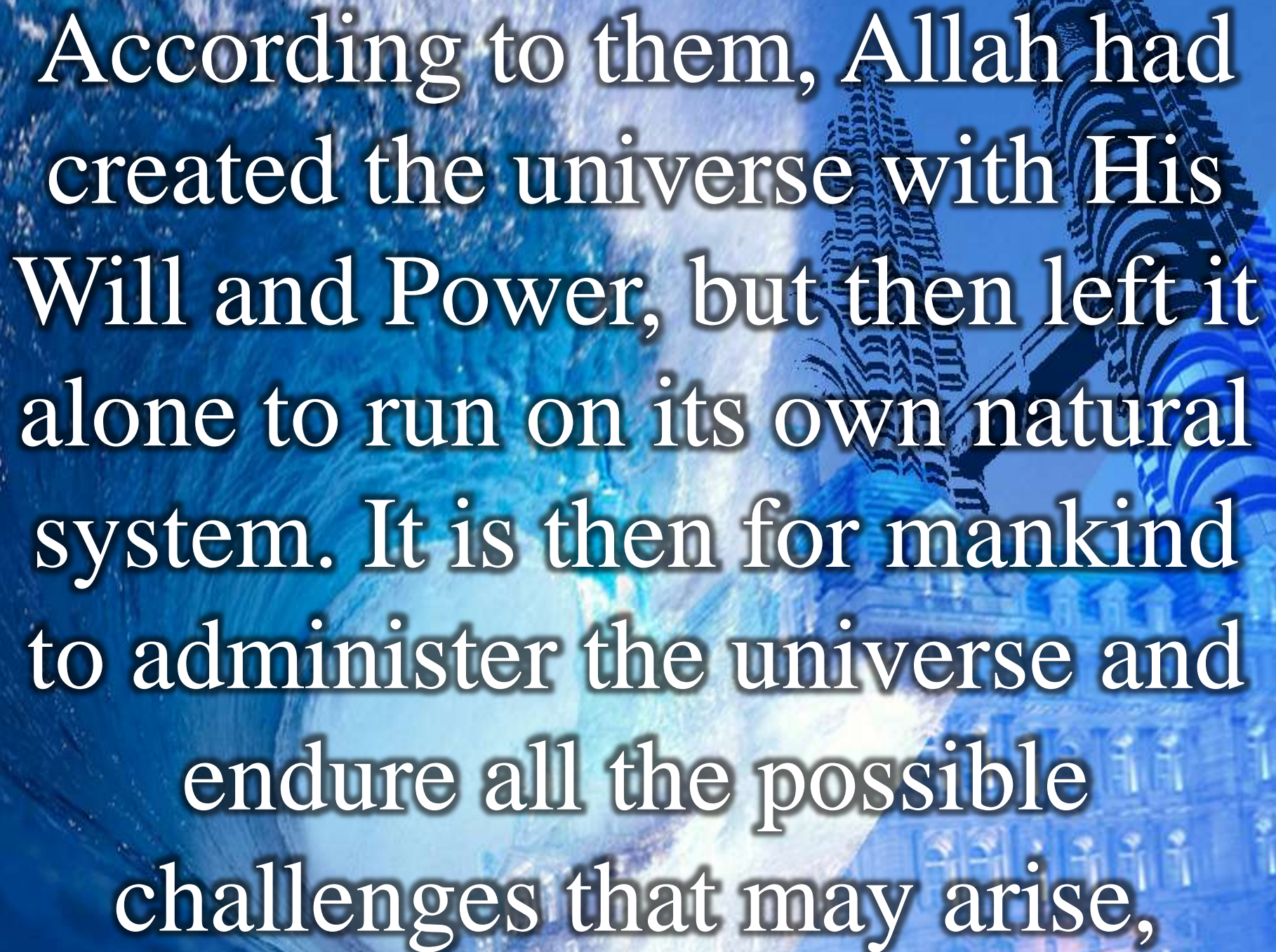


Let us remind ourselves that this worldly life is only temporary.

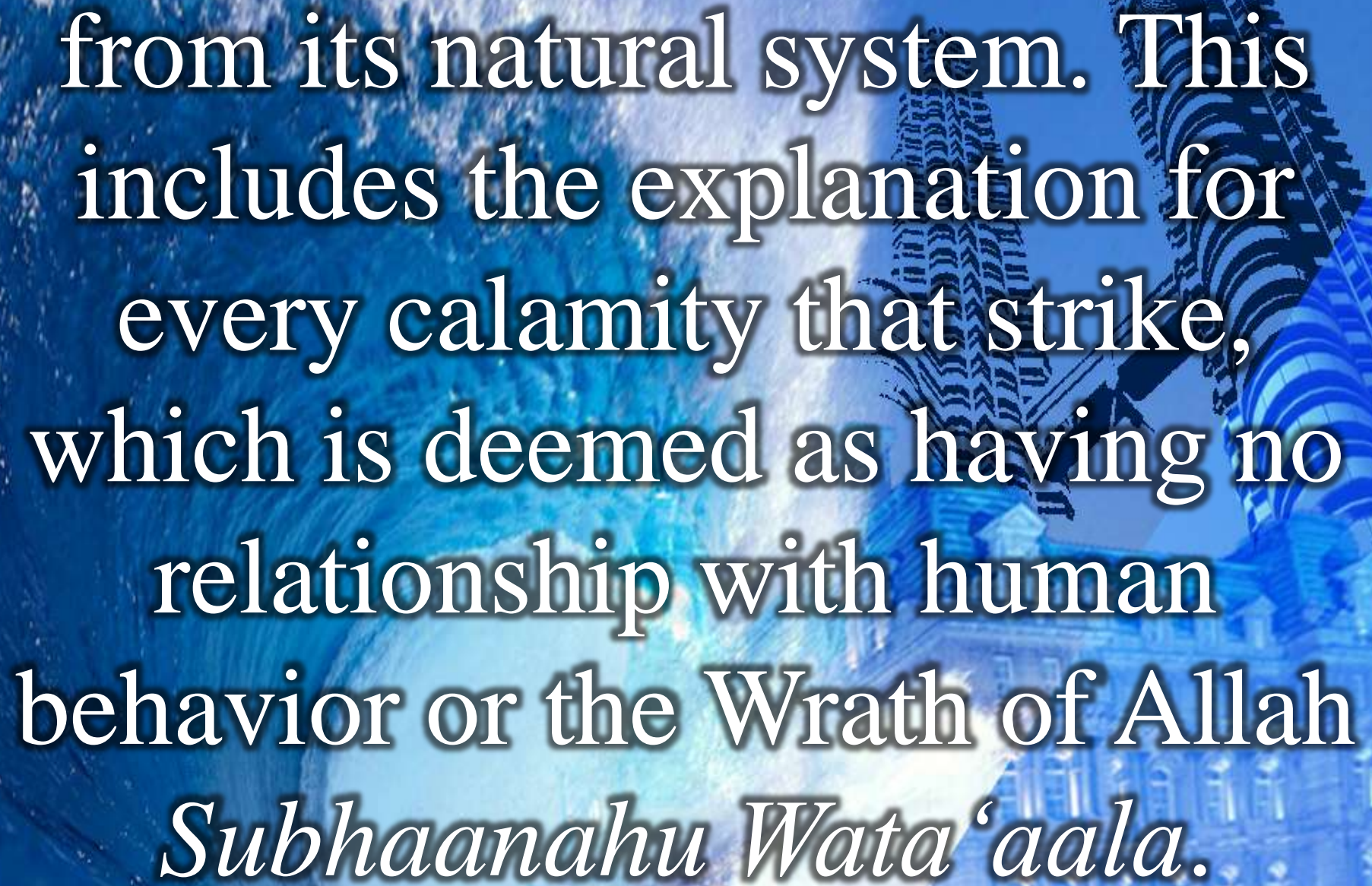
We are merely travelers on a long journey to the Hereafter. We are on a transit stop in this world to endure the trials of life. Then, we will resume our long and daunting journey to *al-akhirah*.



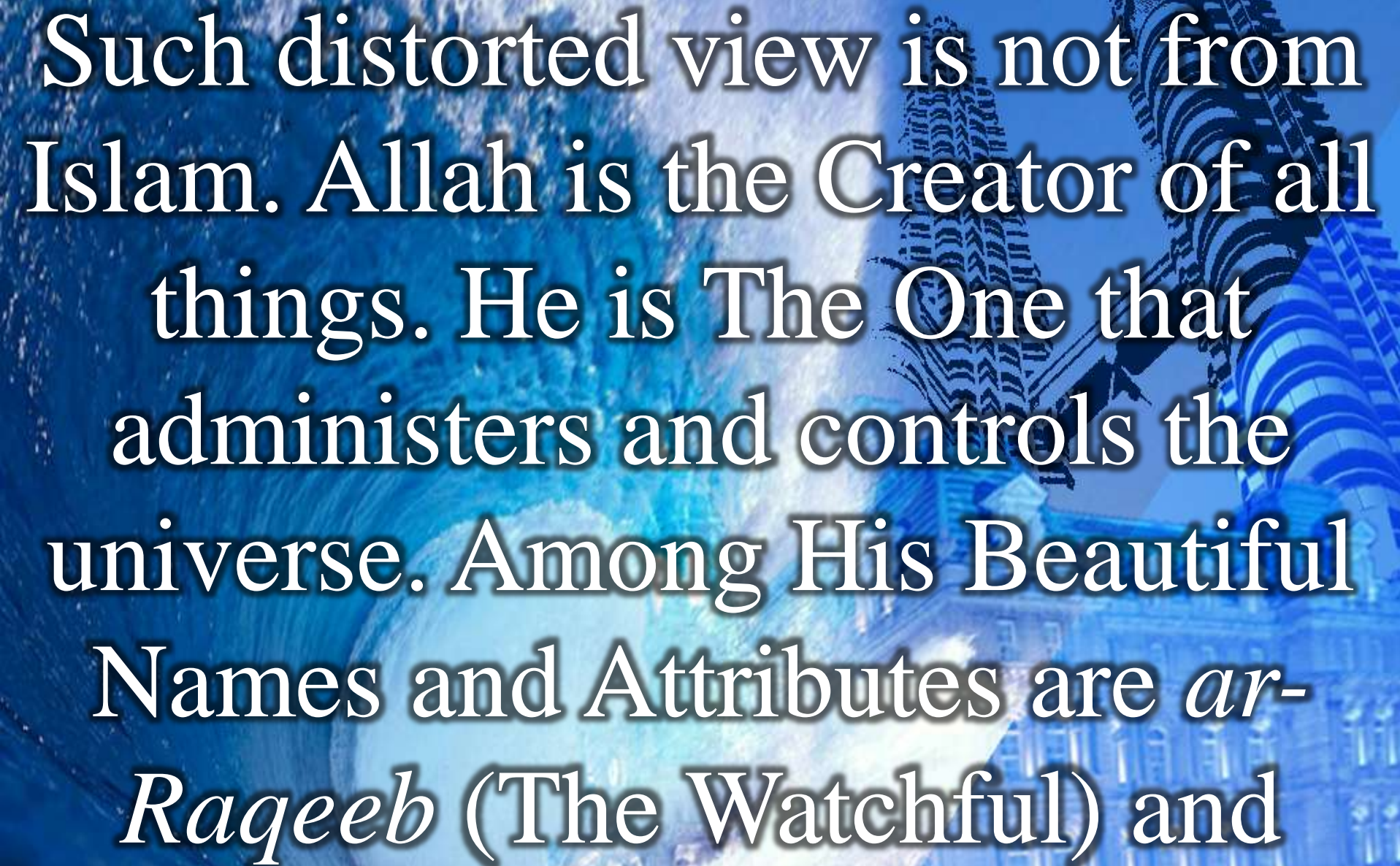
In reality, there are among those
subscribing to the secular views
that do not deny the existence of
Allah. However, they only
regard Allah as having no role
in the development of the
universe and human lives.



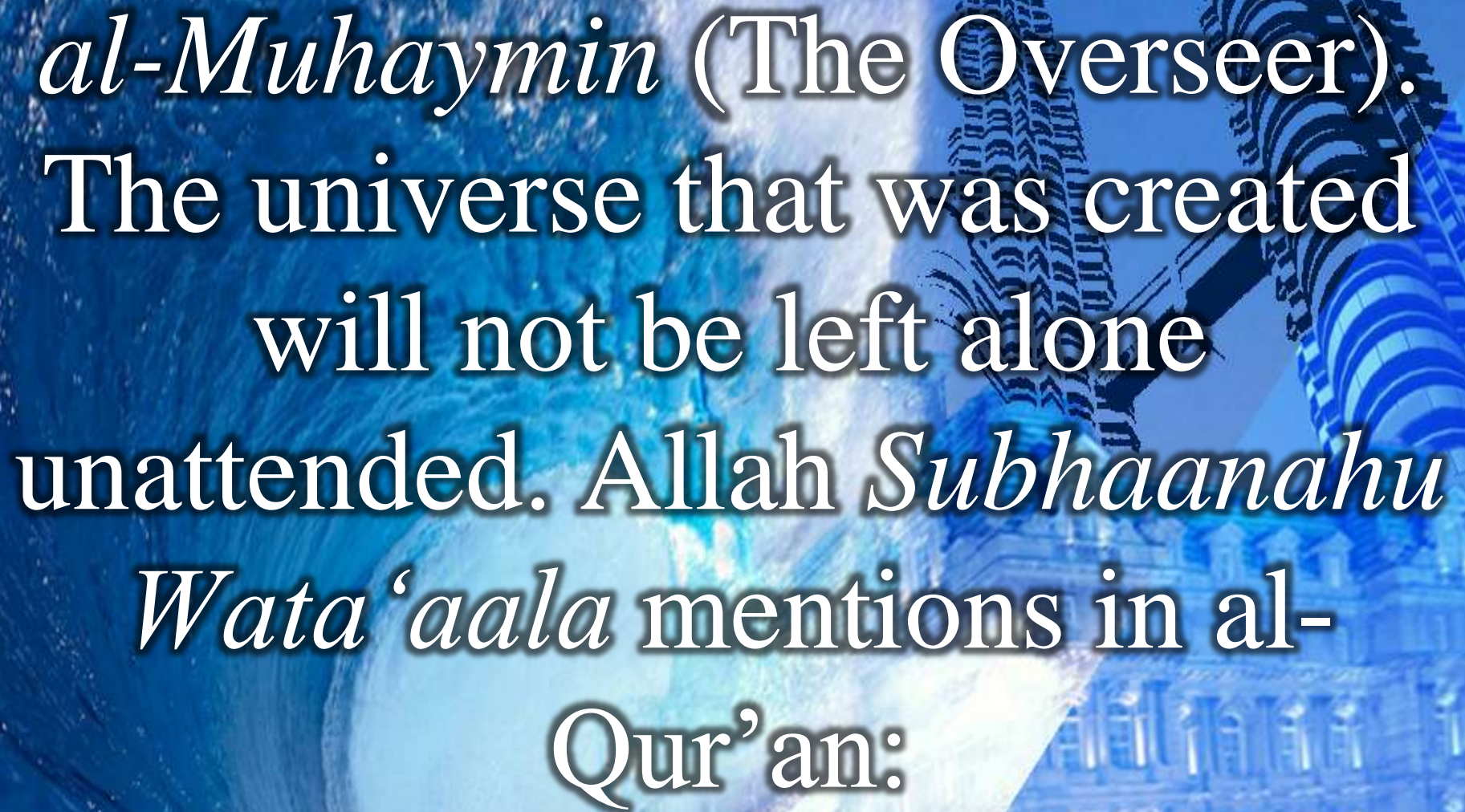
According to them, Allah had created the universe with His Will and Power, but then left it alone to run on its own natural system. It is then for mankind to administer the universe and endure all the possible challenges that may arise,



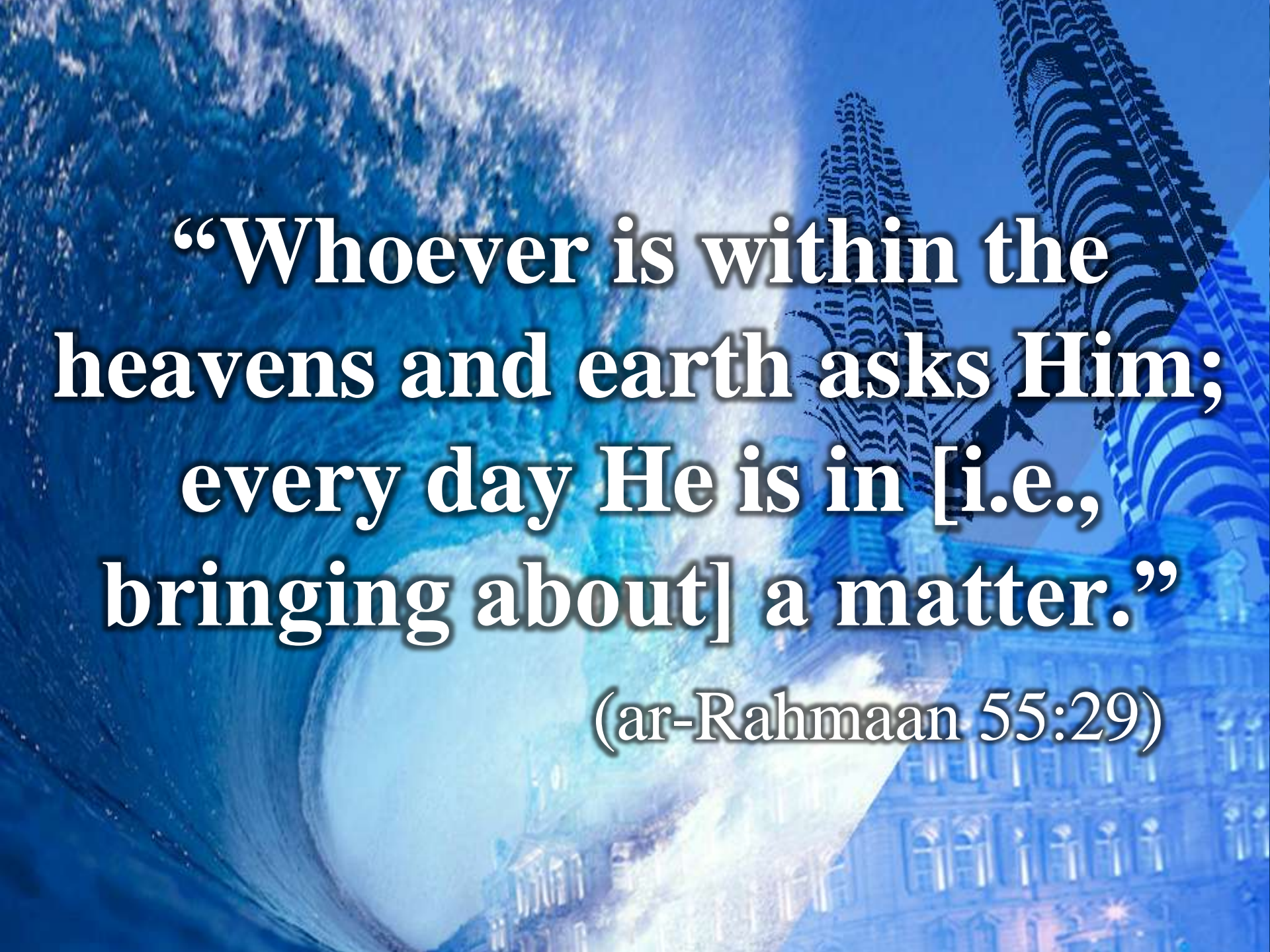
from its natural system. This includes the explanation for every calamity that strike, which is deemed as having no relationship with human behavior or the Wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*



Such distorted view is not from Islam. Allah is the Creator of all things. He is The One that administers and controls the universe. Among His Beautiful Names and Attributes are *ar-Raqeeb* (The Watchful) and

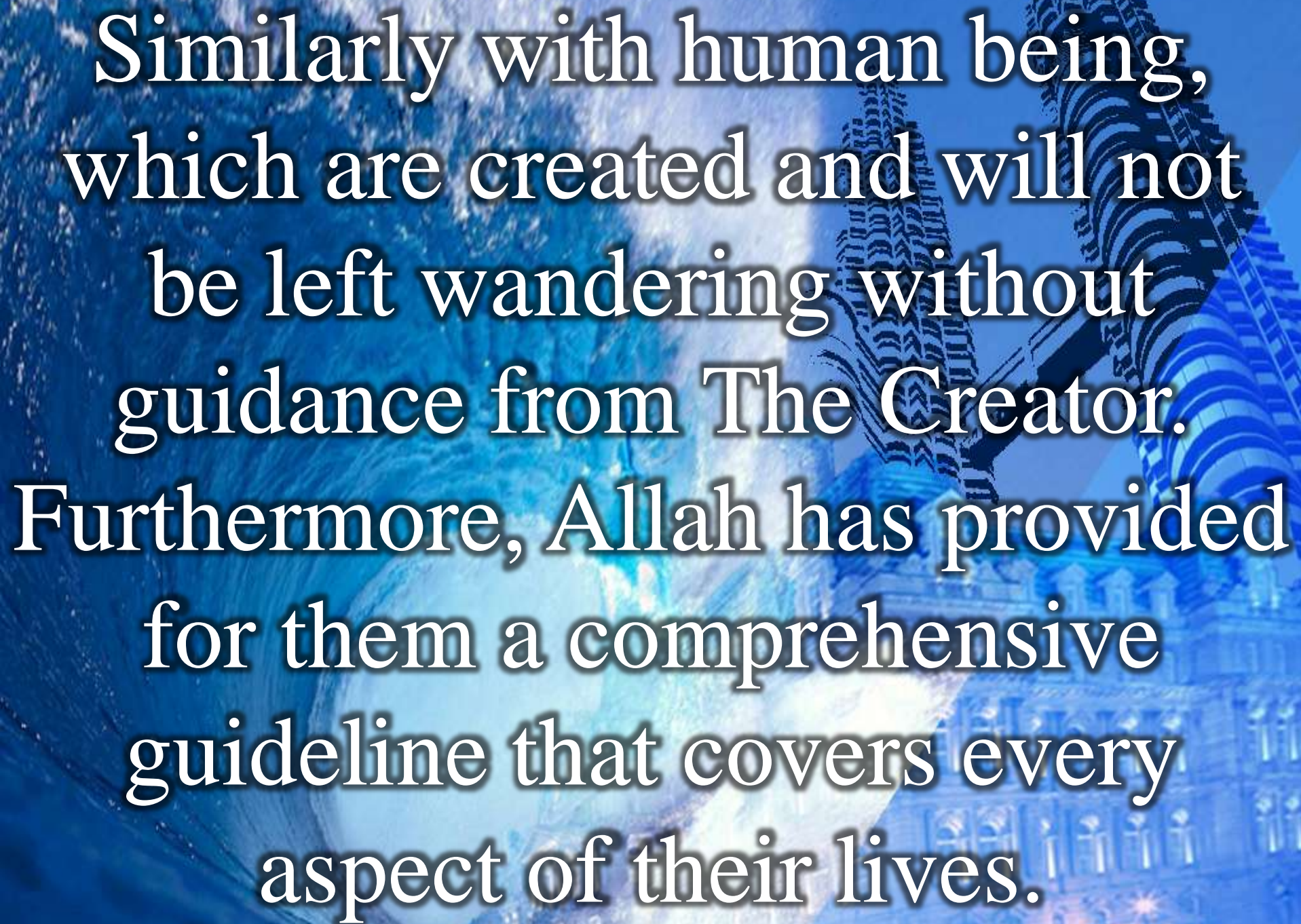


al-Muhaymin (The Overseer).
The universe that was created
will not be left alone
unattended. Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala mentions in al-
Qur'an:

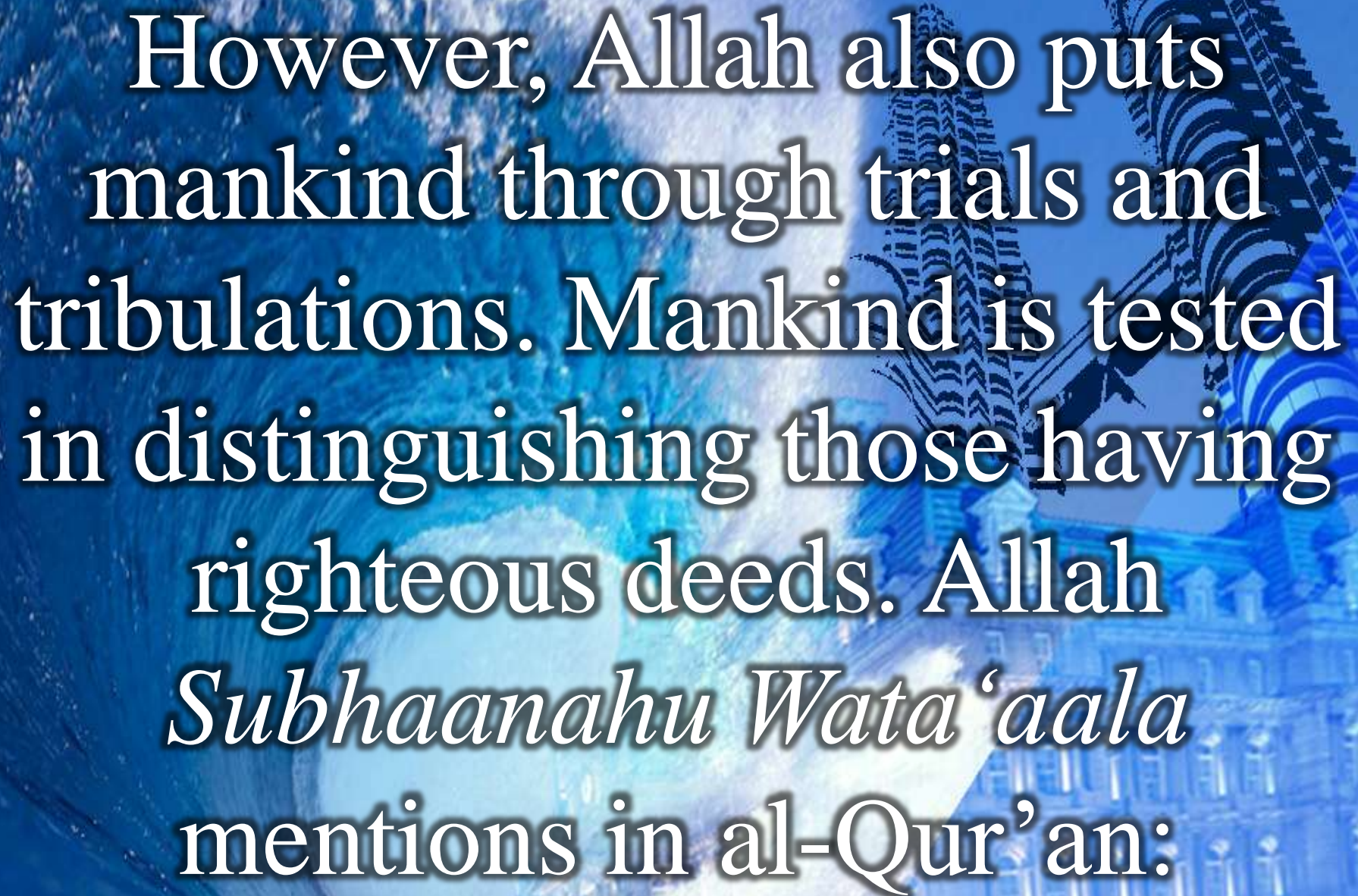


**“Whoever is within the
heavens and earth asks Him;
every day He is in [i.e.,
bringing about] a matter.”**

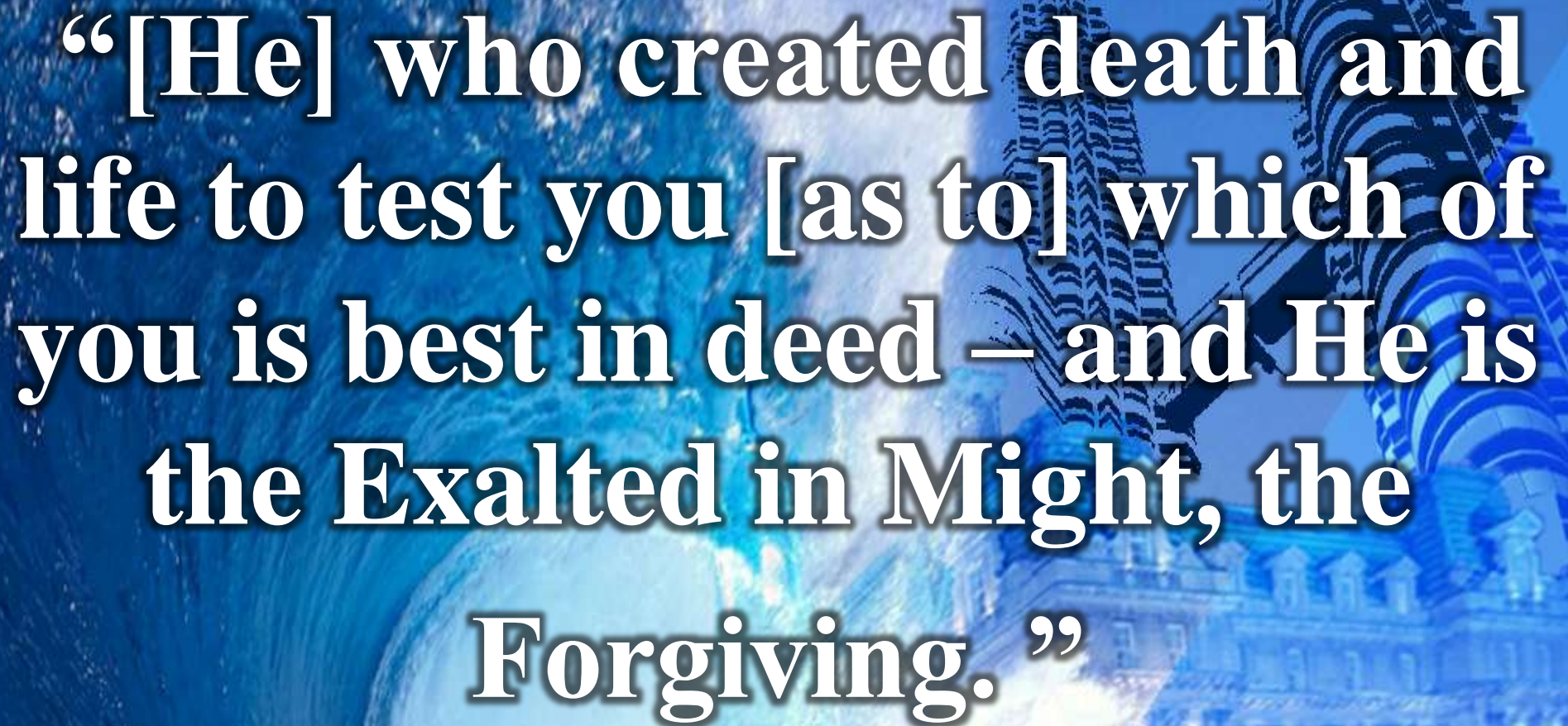
(ar-Rahmaan 55:29)



Similarly with human being,
which are created and will not
be left wandering without
guidance from The Creator.
Furthermore, Allah has provided
for them a comprehensive
guideline that covers every
aspect of their lives.

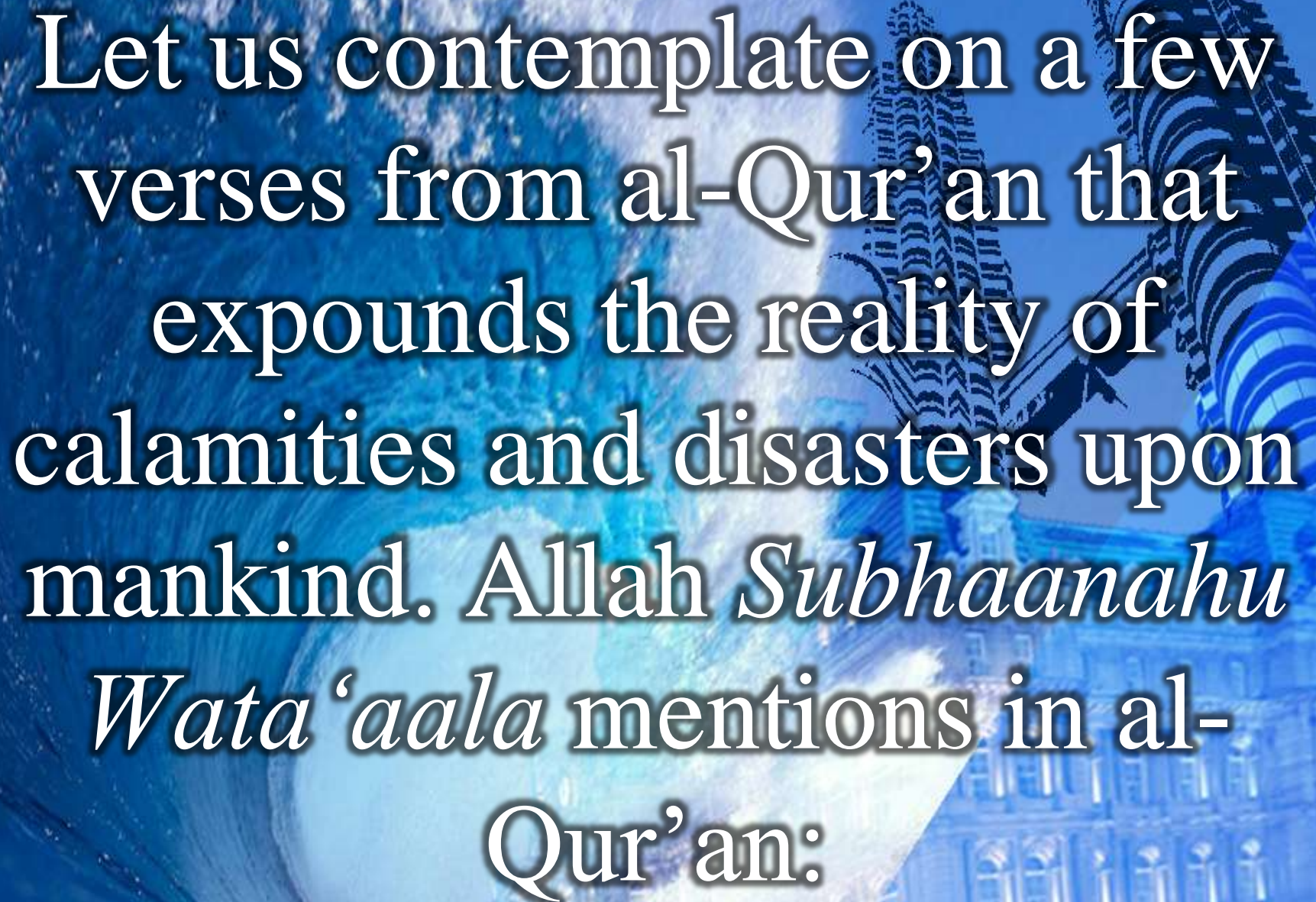


However, Allah also puts mankind through trials and tribulations. Mankind is tested in distinguishing those having righteous deeds. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

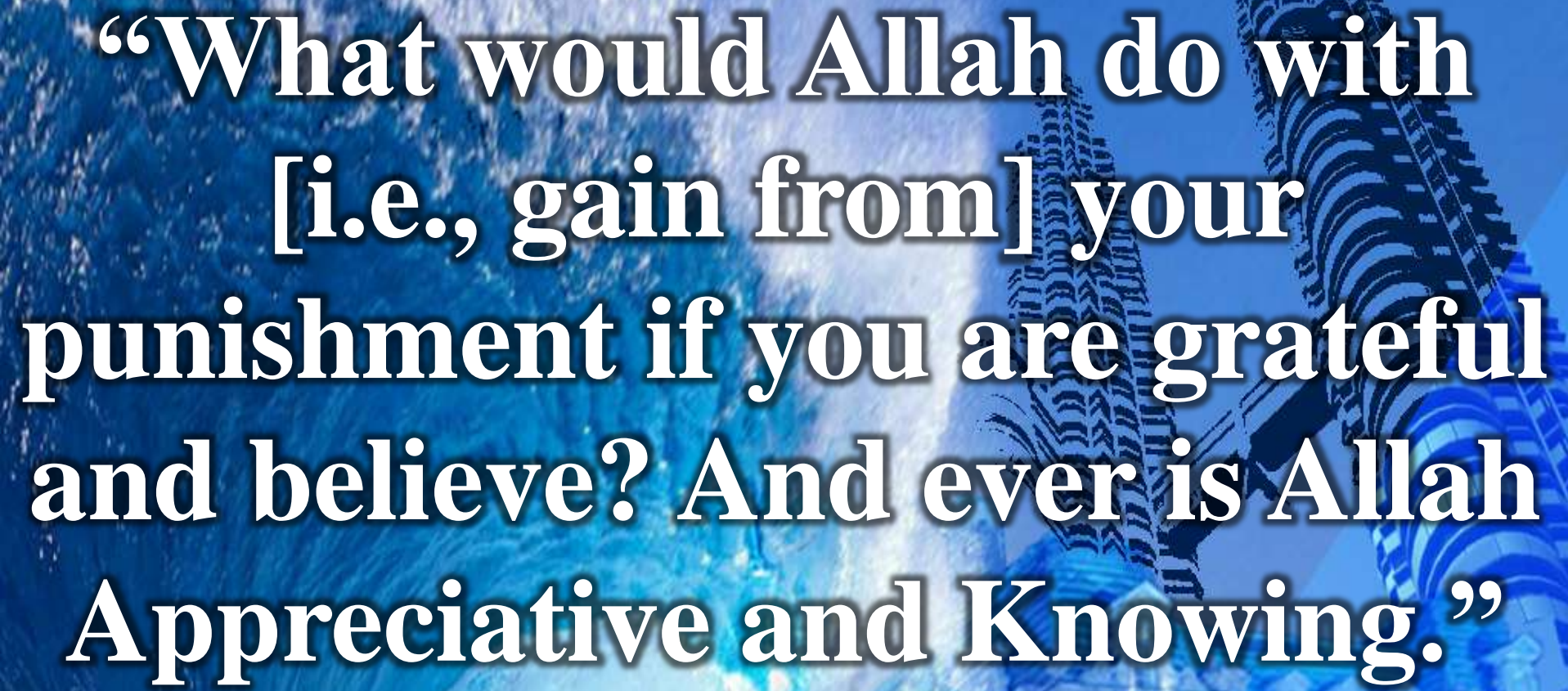


**“[He] who created death and
life to test you [as to] which of
you is best in deed – and He is
the Exalted in Might, the
Forgiving.”**

(al-Mulk 67:2)



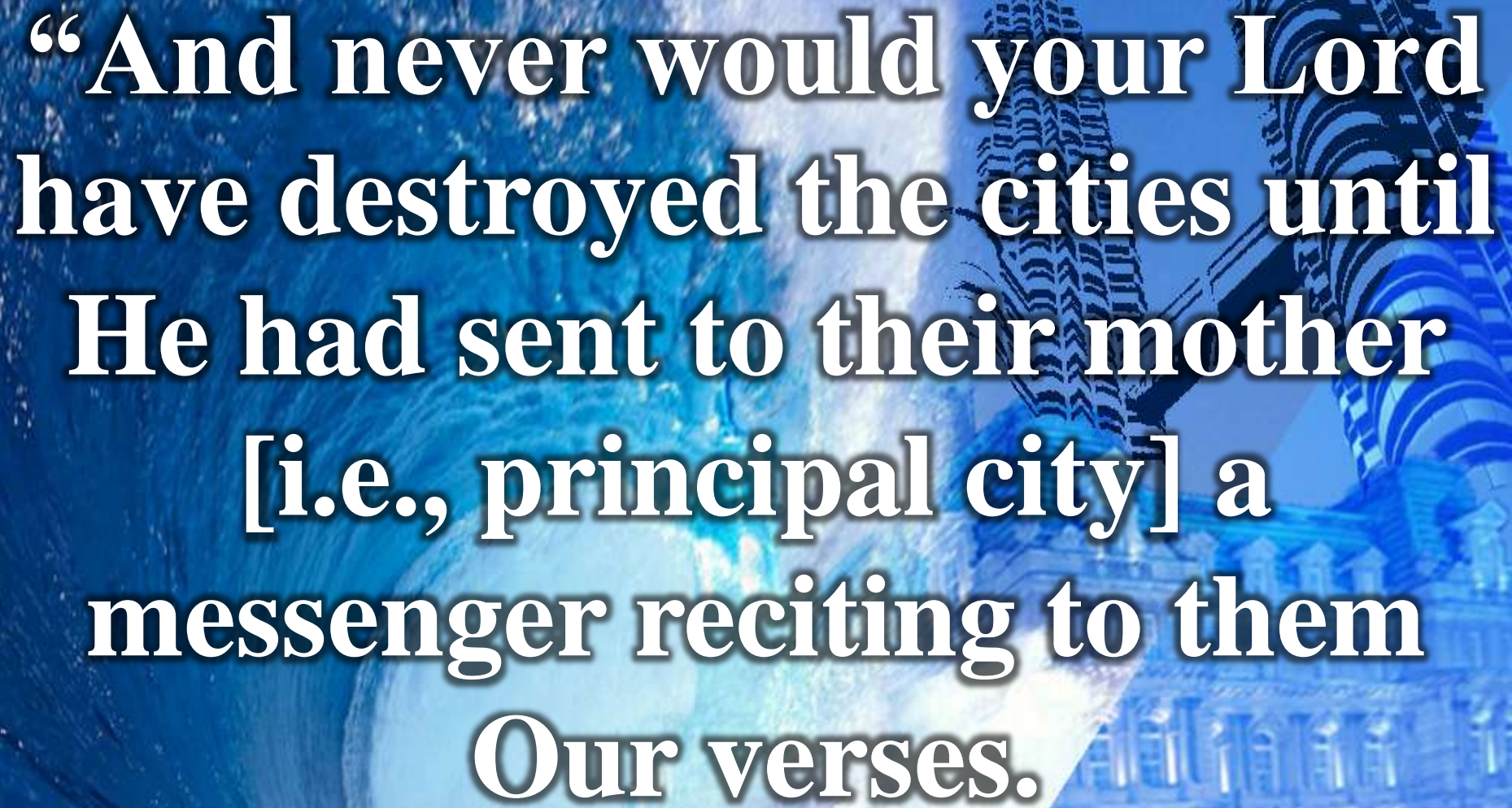
Let us contemplate on a few
verses from al-Qur'an that
expounds the reality of
calamities and disasters upon
mankind. Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala mentions in al-
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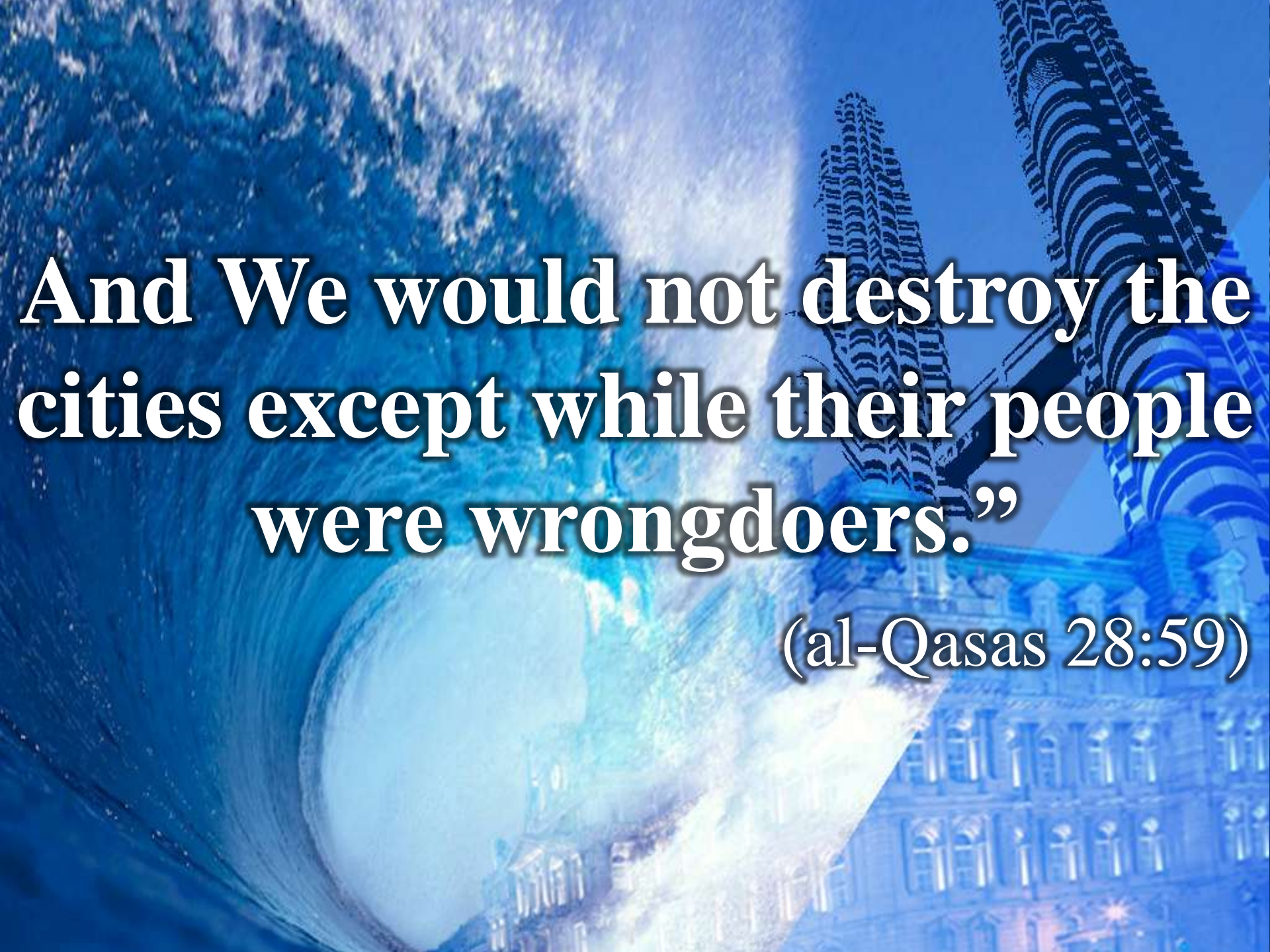
**“What would Allah do with
[i.e., gain from] your
punishment if you are grateful
and believe? And ever is Allah
Appreciative and Knowing.”**

(an-Nisaa’ 4:147)

And in another verse:

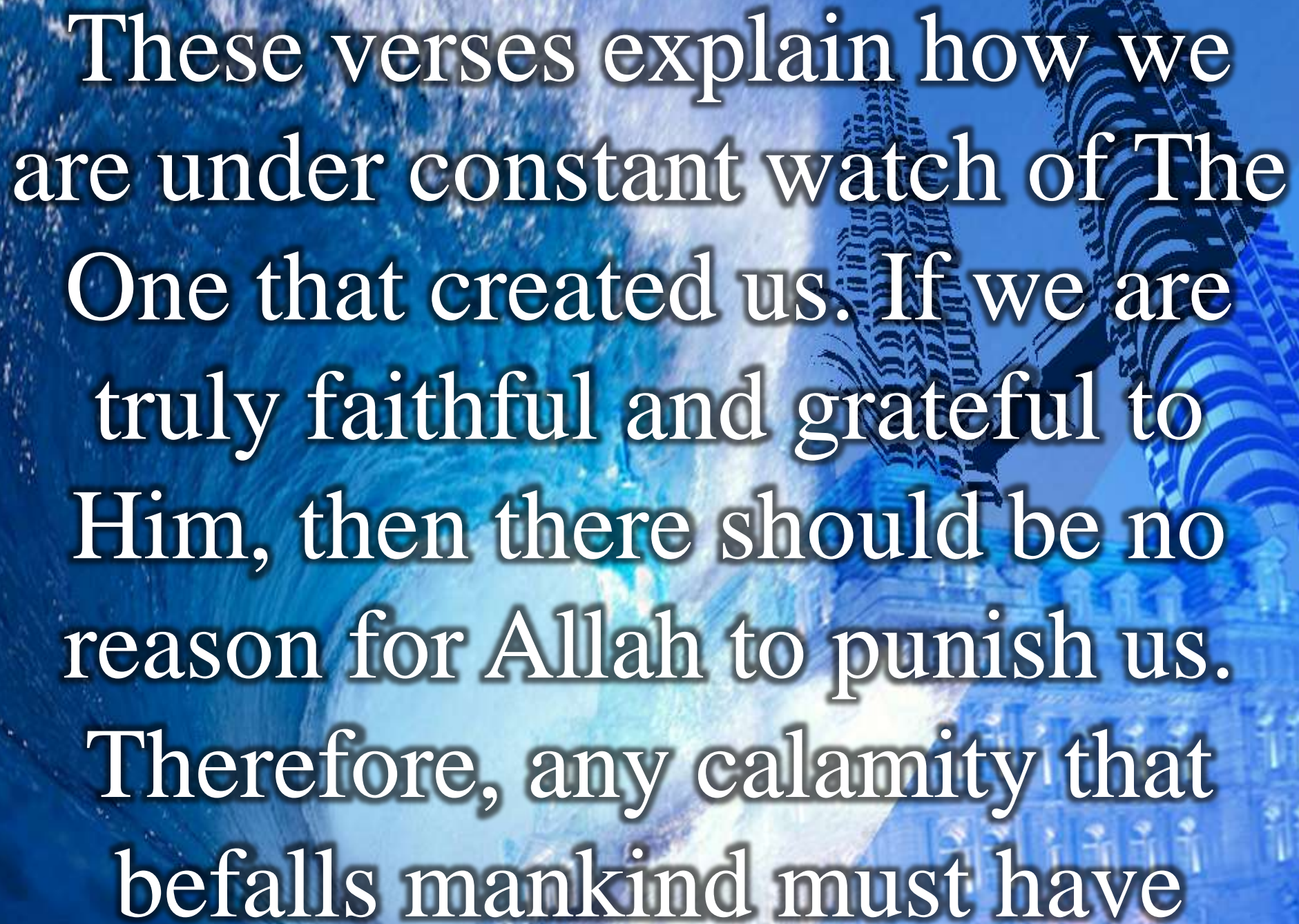


**“And never would your Lord
have destroyed the cities until
He had sent to their mother
[i.e., principal city] a
messenger reciting to them
Our verses.**

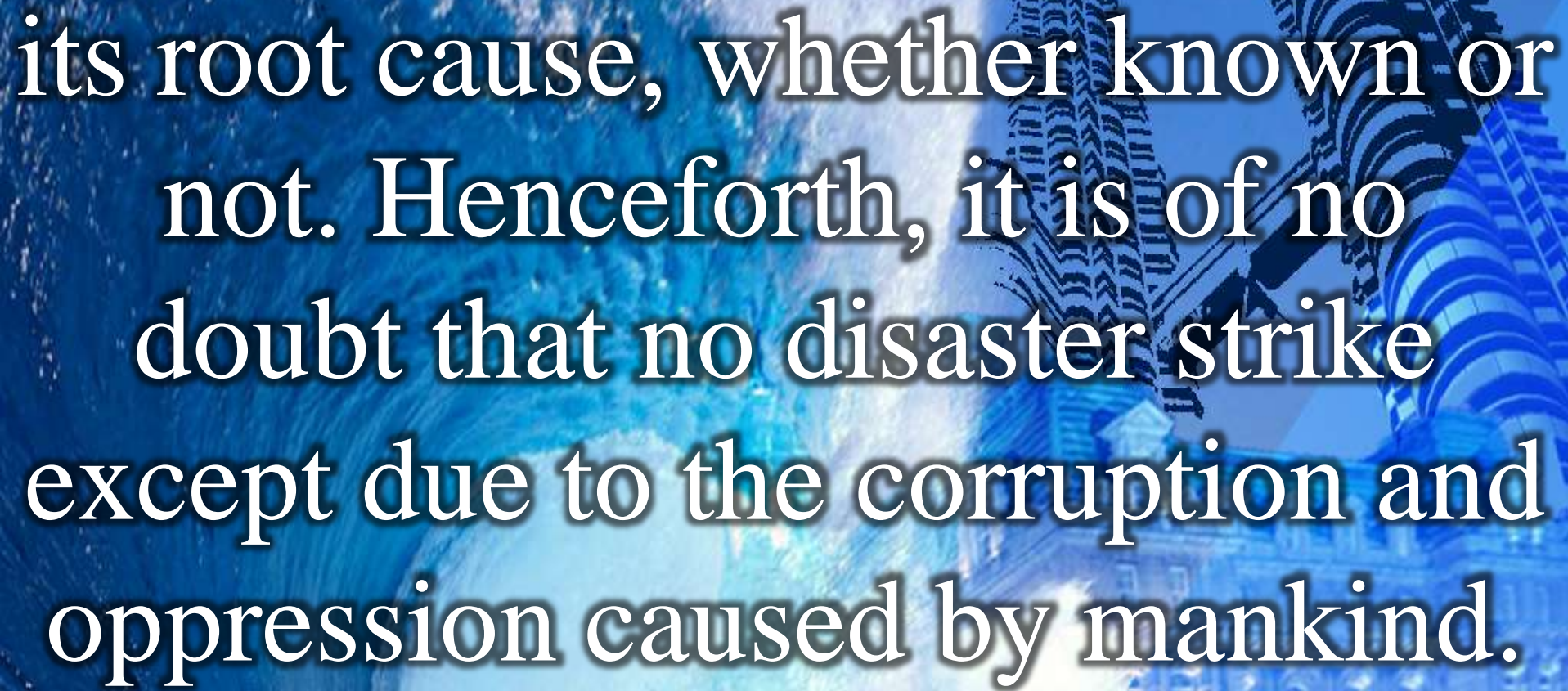
The background image is a dramatic, blue-toned illustration. It depicts a massive, swirling tsunami wave crashing down upon a city. In the foreground, a large, multi-story building with many windows is partially submerged in the water. In the background, two tall, modern skyscrapers with distinctive spires rise above the clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of divine punishment or natural disaster.

**And We would not destroy the
cities except while their people
were wrongdoers.”**

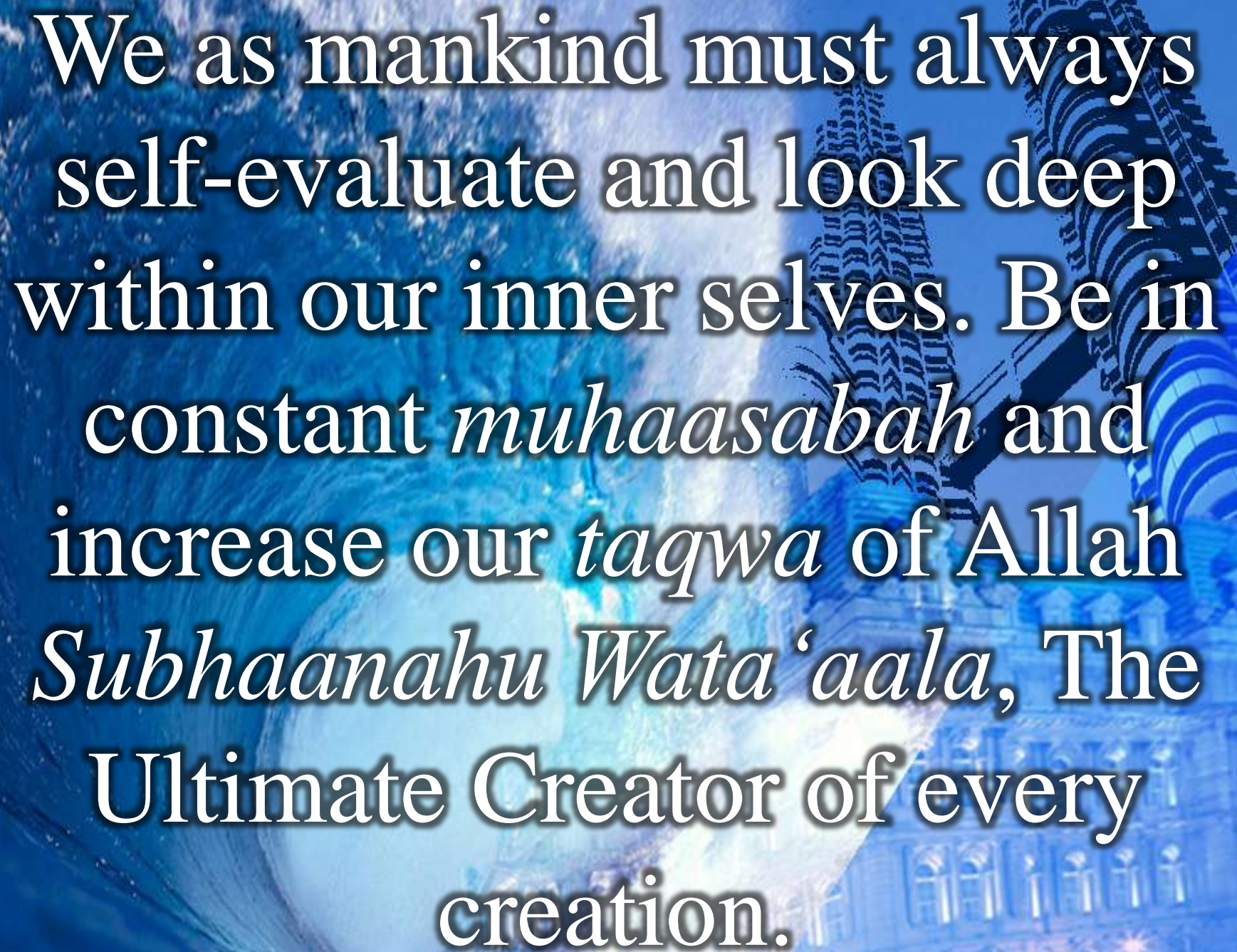
(al-Qasas 28:59)



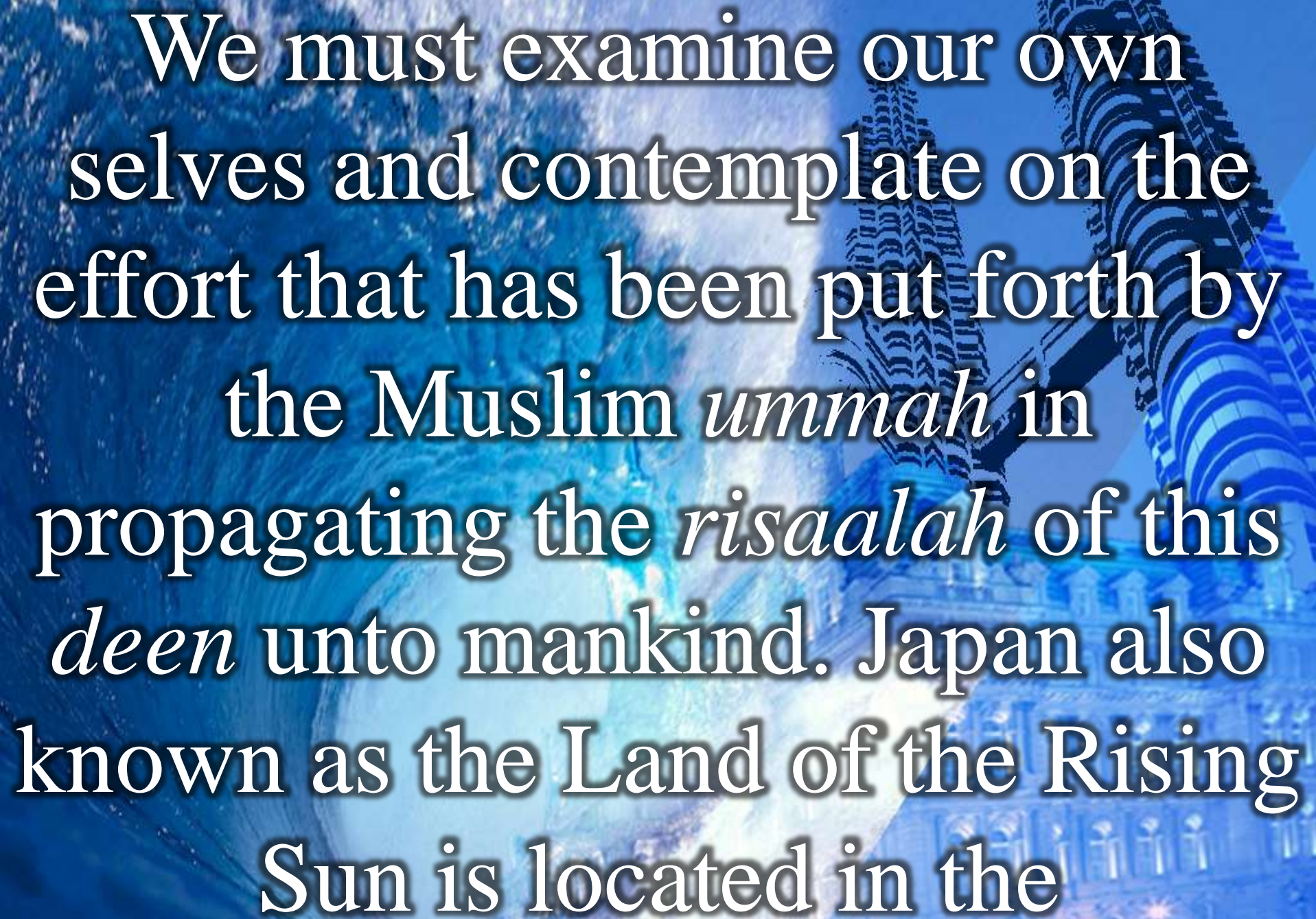
These verses explain how we are under constant watch of The One that created us. If we are truly faithful and grateful to Him, then there should be no reason for Allah to punish us. Therefore, any calamity that befalls mankind must have



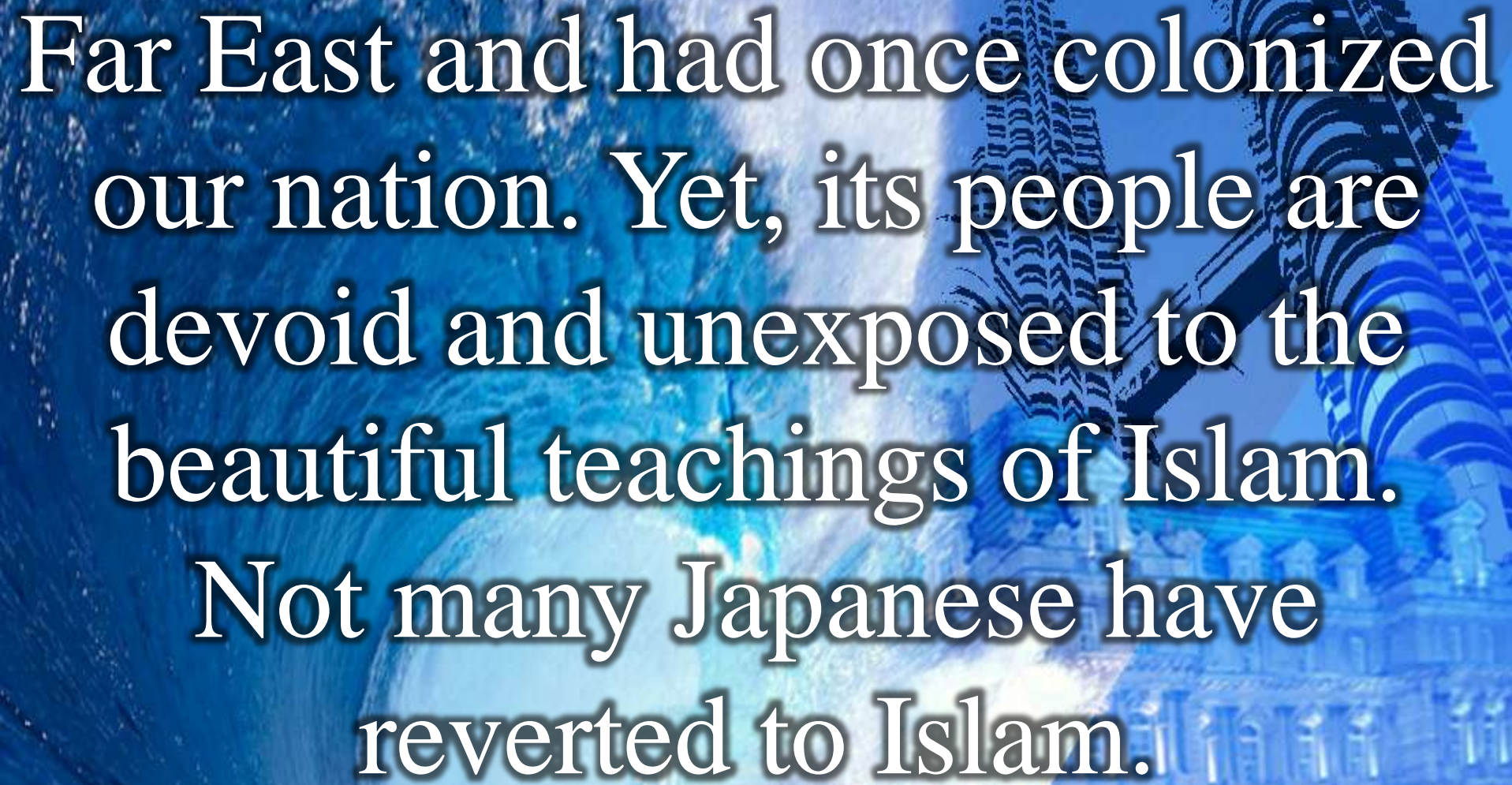
its root cause, whether known or not. Henceforth, it is of no doubt that no disaster strike except due to the corruption and oppression caused by mankind.



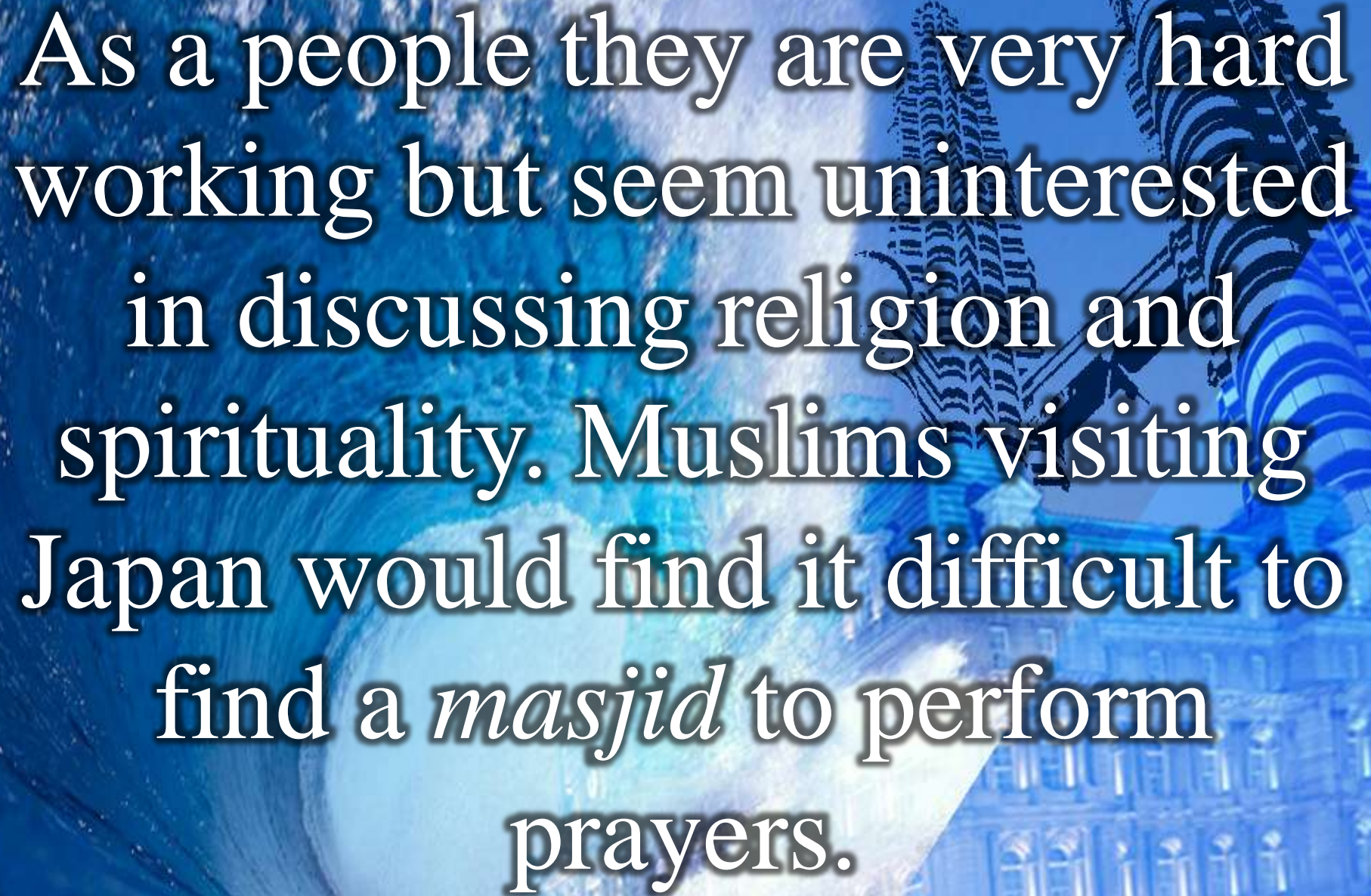
We as mankind must always
self-evaluate and look deep
within our inner selves. Be in
constant *muhaasabah* and
increase our *taghwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala, The
Ultimate Creator of every
creation.



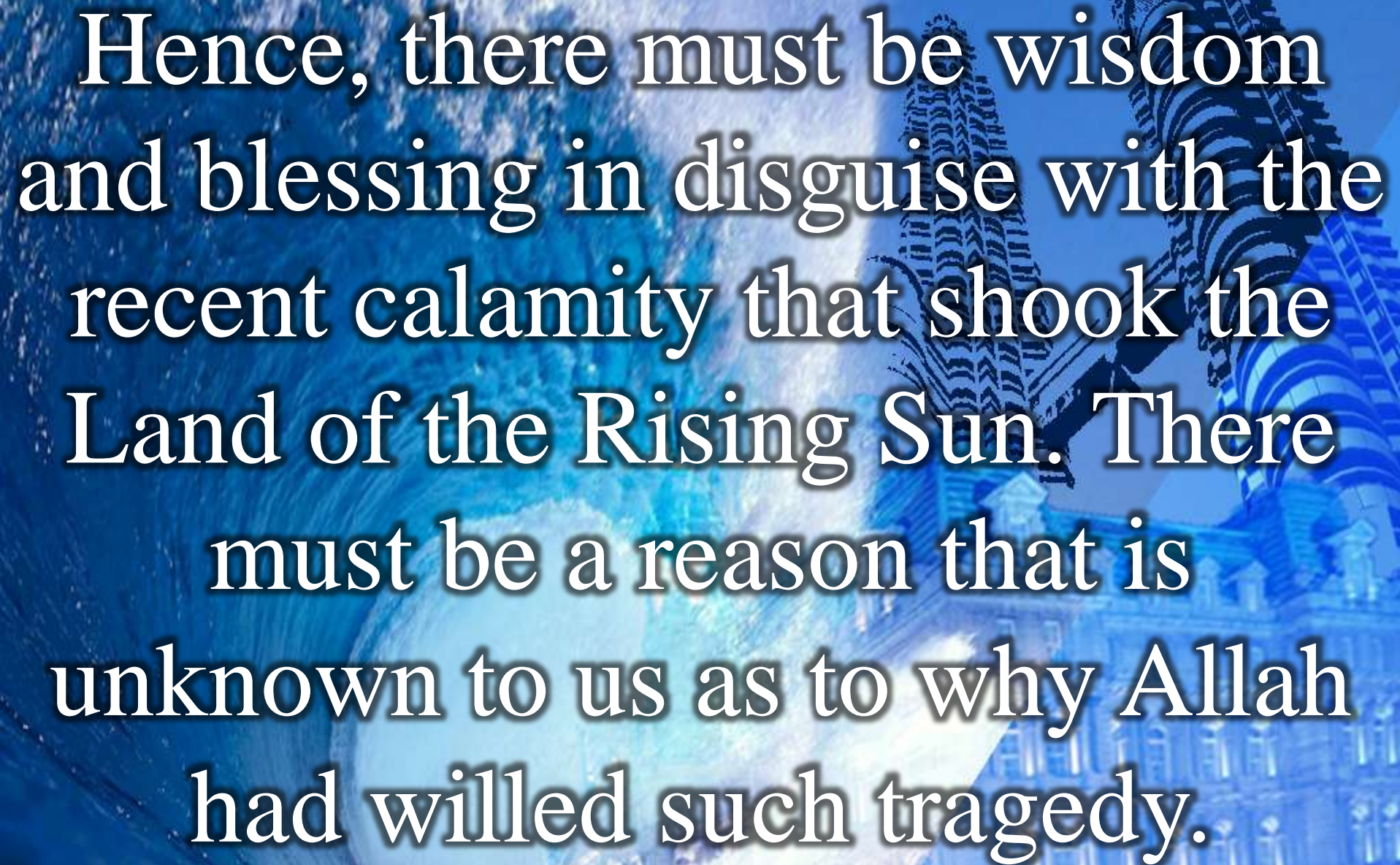
We must examine our own
selves and contemplate on the
effort that has been put forth by
the Muslim *ummah* in
propagating the *risaalah* of this
deen unto mankind. Japan also
known as the Land of the Rising
Sun is located in the



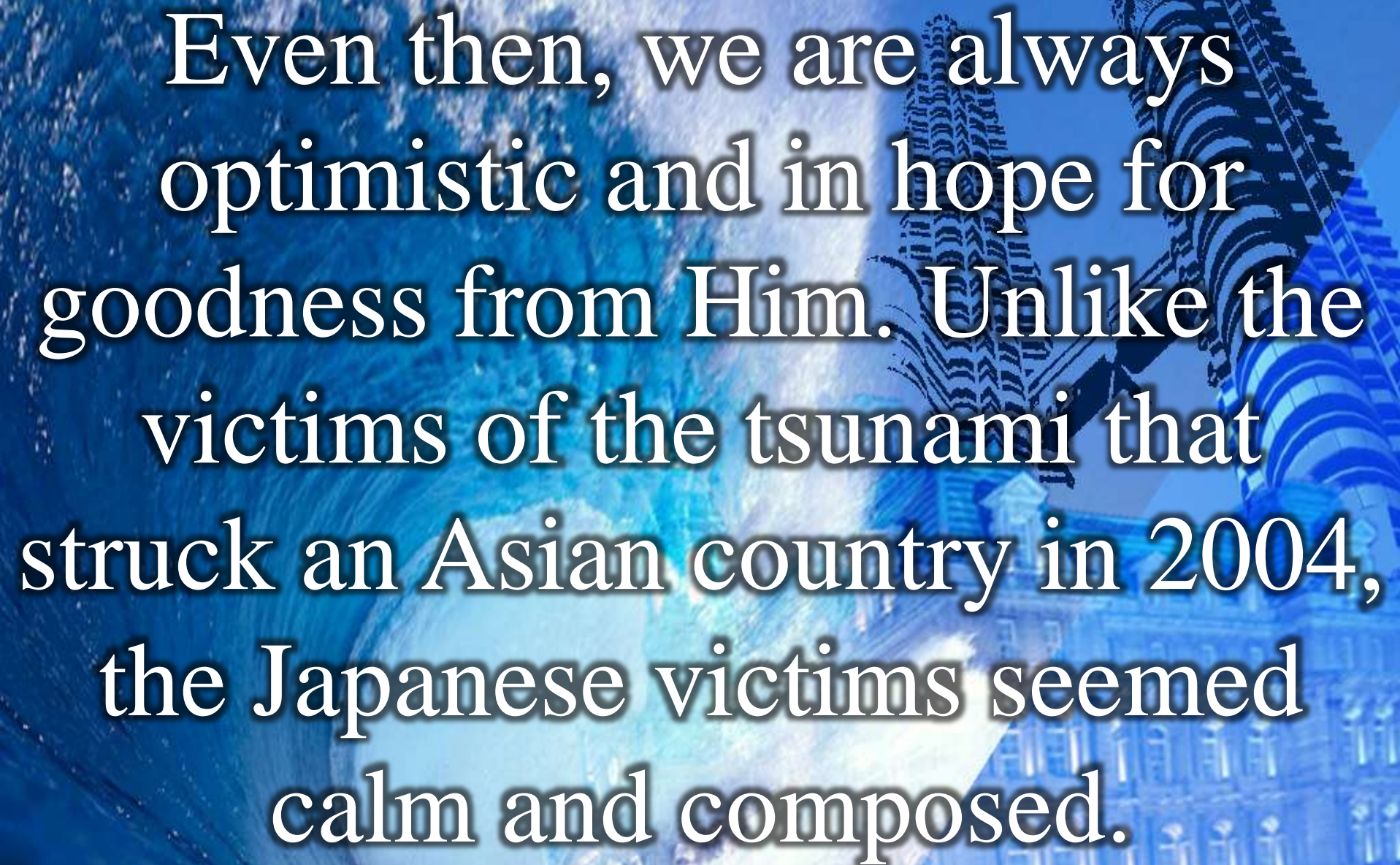
Far East and had once colonized
our nation. Yet, its people are
devoid and unexposed to the
beautiful teachings of Islam.
Not many Japanese have
reverted to Islam.

The background of the image features a blue-tinted city skyline, likely Dubai, with prominent skyscrapers like the Burj Khalifa. A large, stylized blue wave or smoke-like effect curves across the lower left and center of the frame, partially obscuring the buildings.

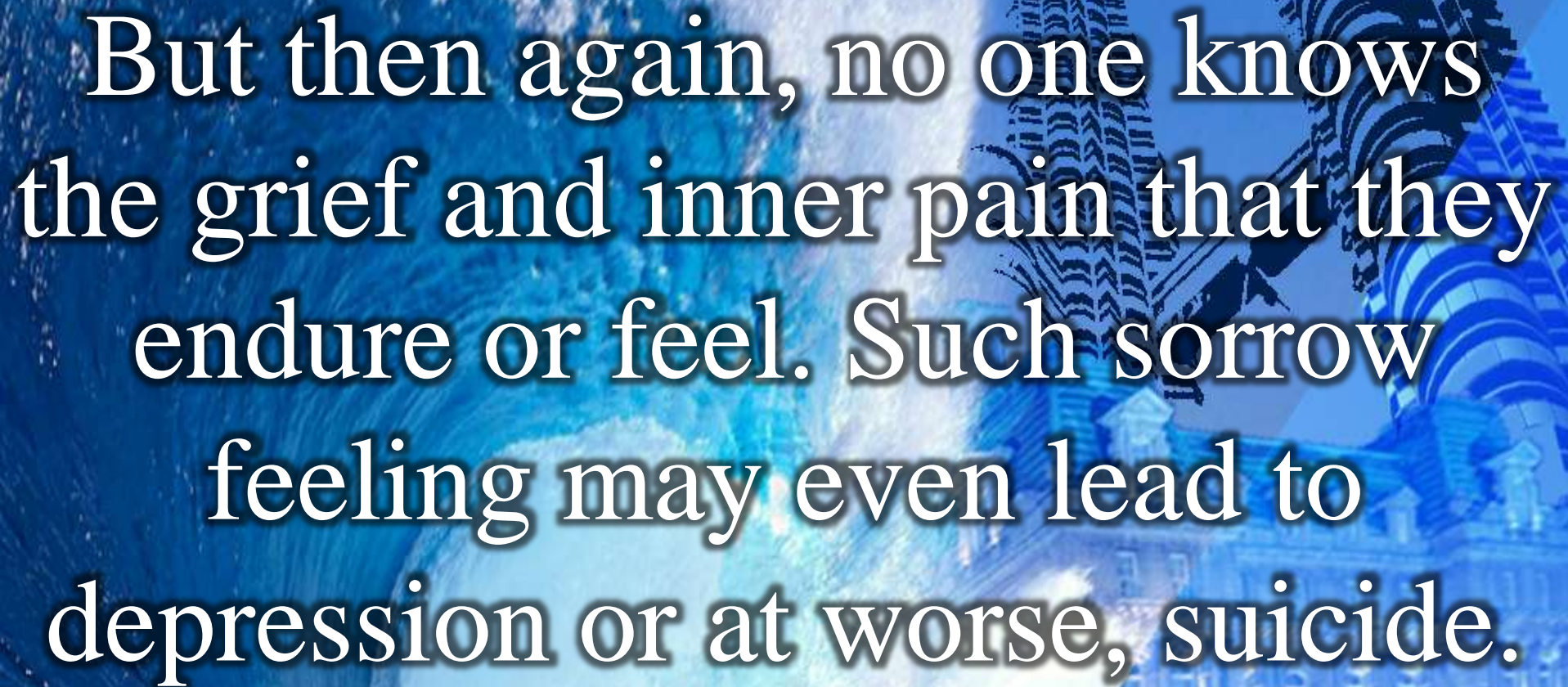
As a people they are very hard working but seem uninterested in discussing religion and spirituality. Muslims visiting Japan would find it difficult to find a *masjid* to perform prayers.



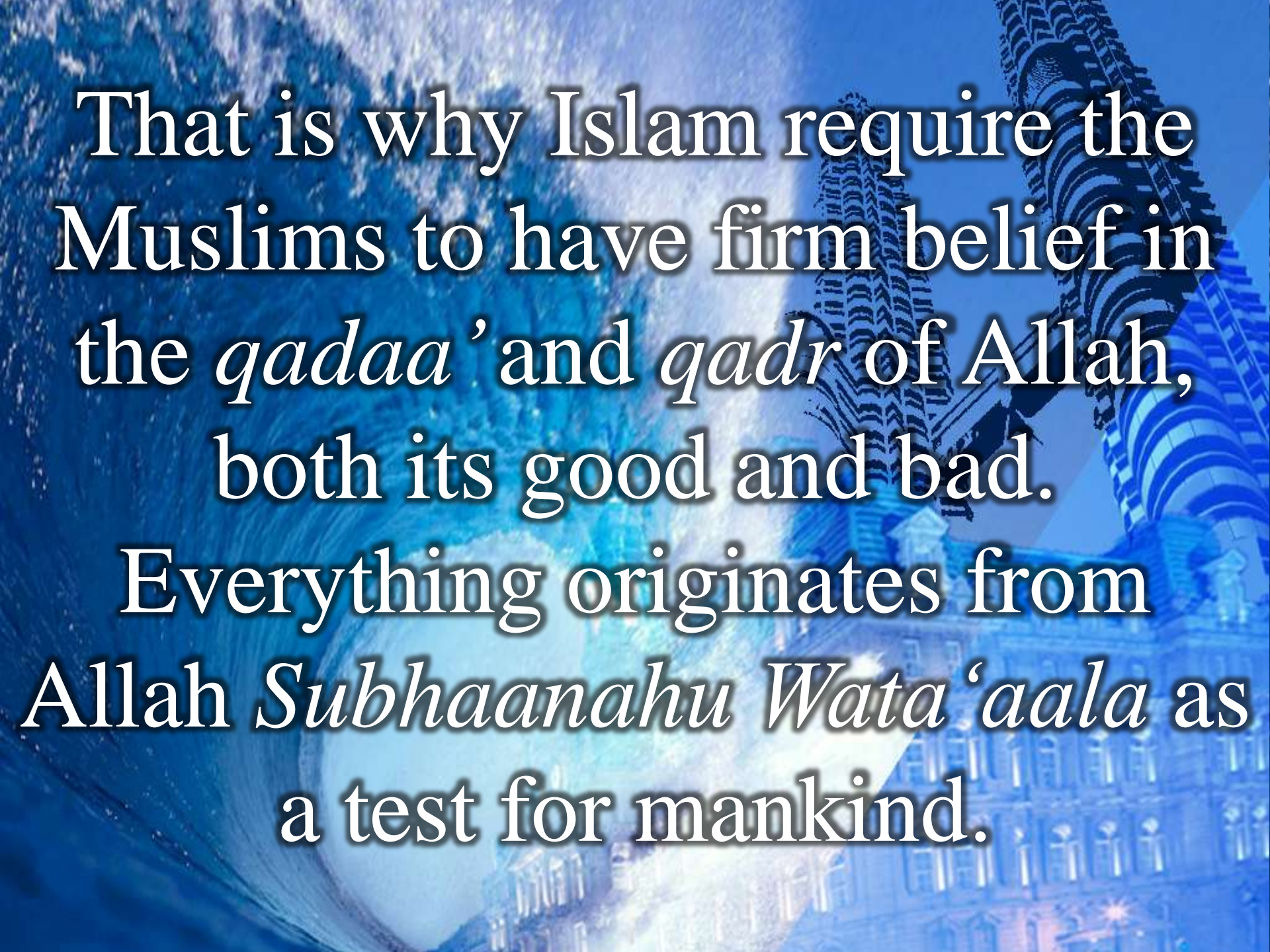
Hence, there must be wisdom and blessing in disguise with the recent calamity that shook the Land of the Rising Sun. There must be a reason that is unknown to us as to why Allah had willed such tragedy.



Even then, we are always optimistic and in hope for goodness from Him. Unlike the victims of the tsunami that struck an Asian country in 2004, the Japanese victims seemed calm and composed.

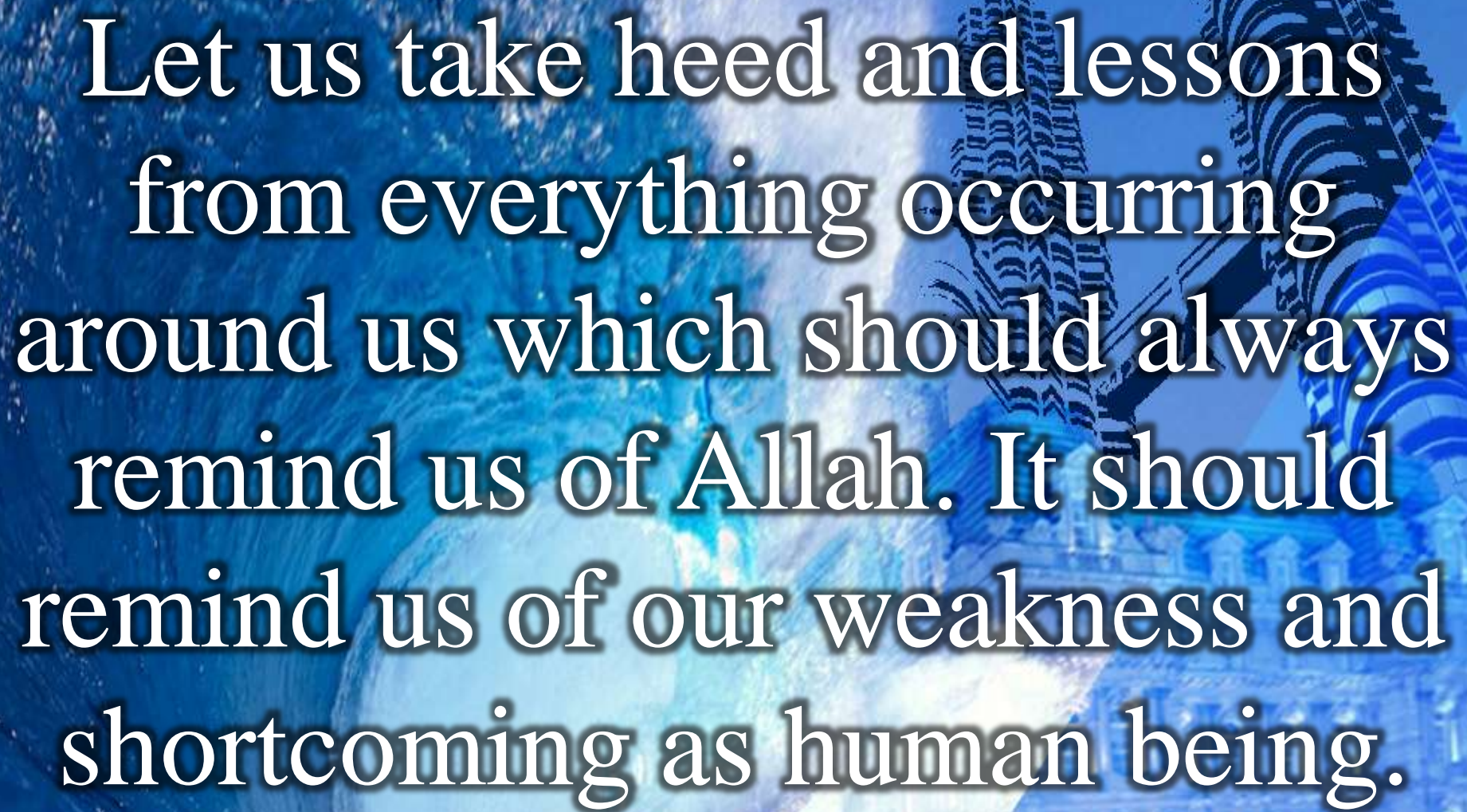


But then again, no one knows
the grief and inner pain that they
endure or feel. Such sorrow
feeling may even lead to
depression or at worse, suicide.

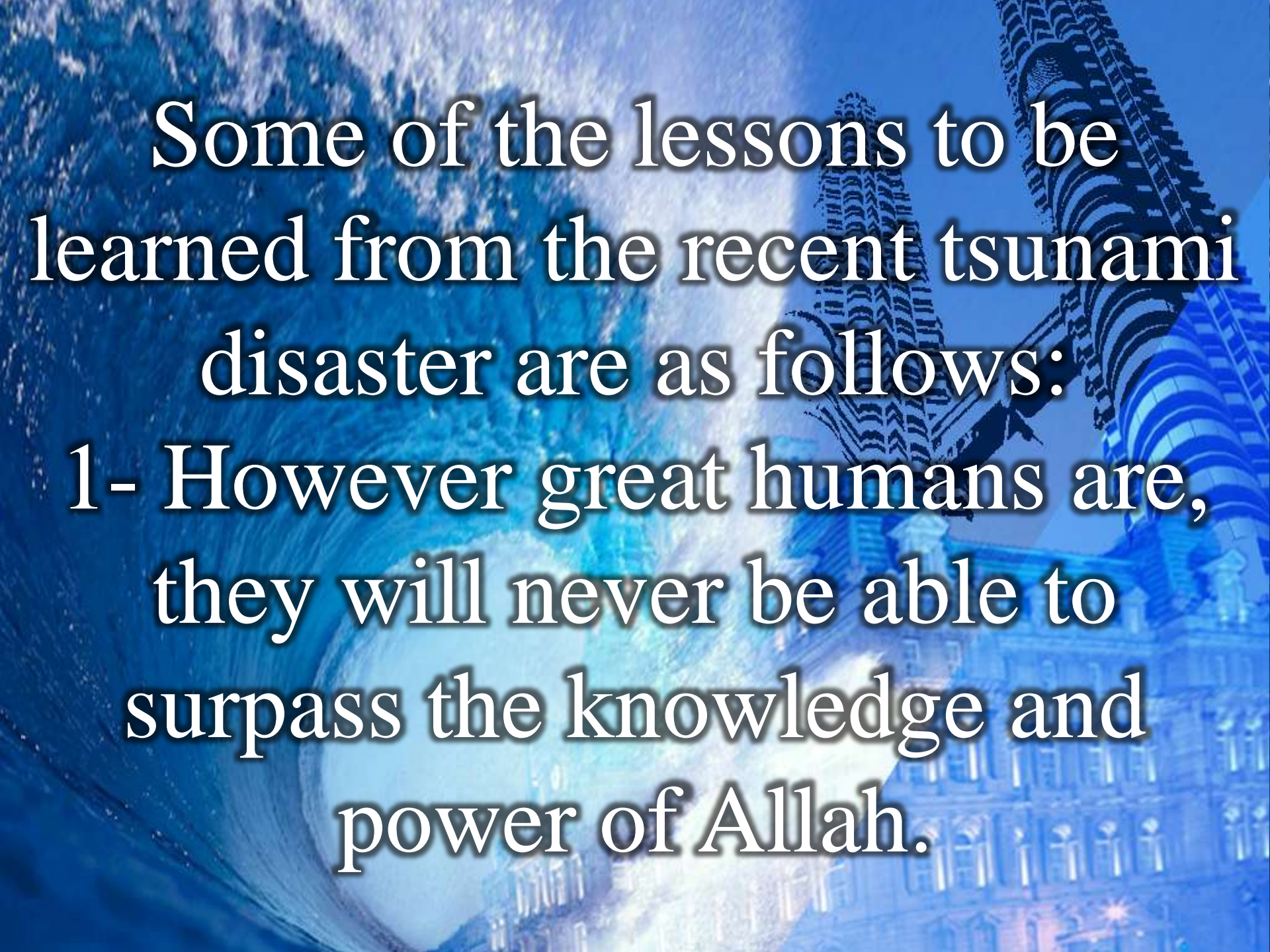


That is why Islam require the Muslims to have firm belief in the *qadaa* ' and *qadr* of Allah, both its good and bad.

Everything originates from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* as a test for mankind.

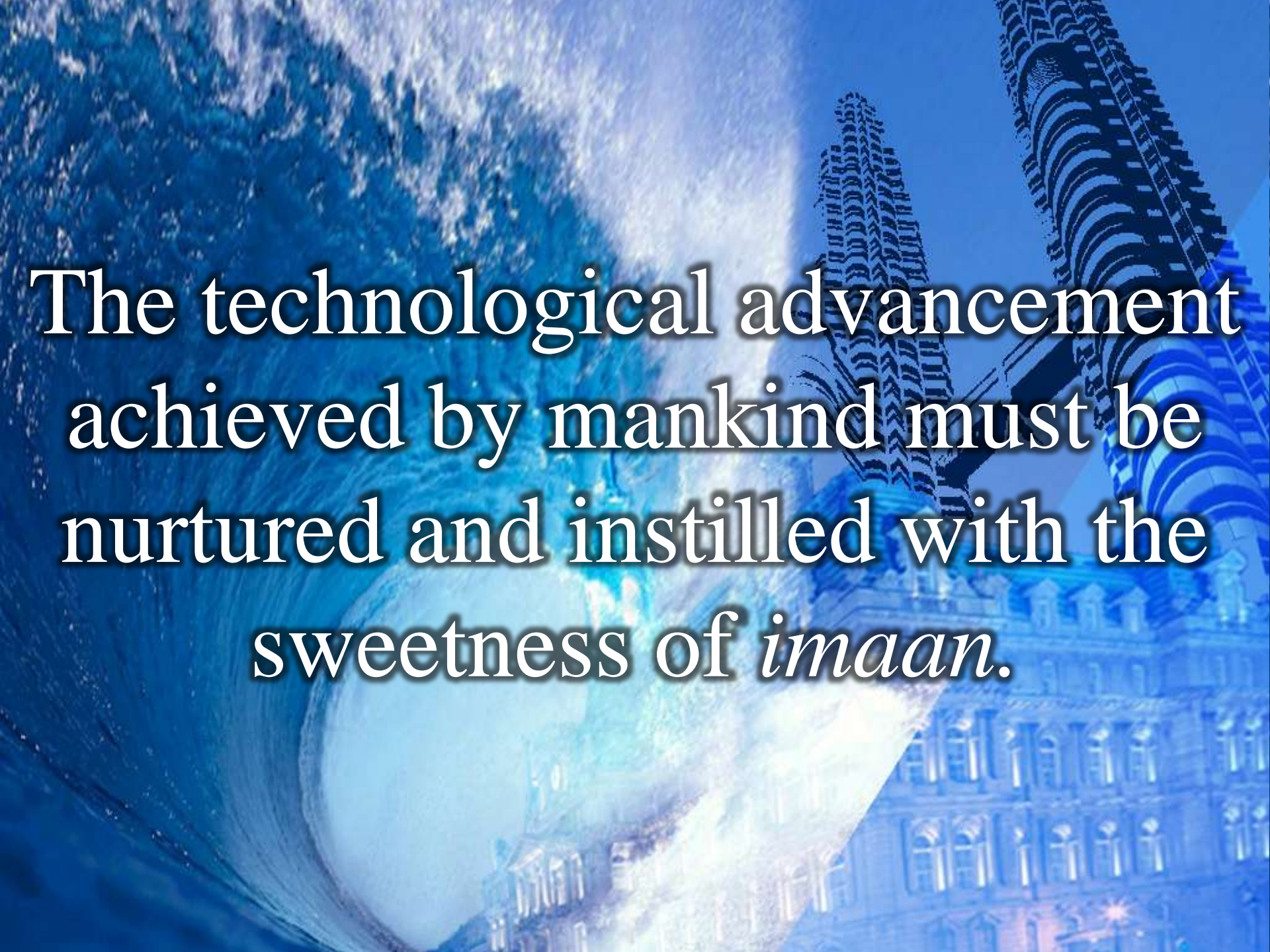


Let us take heed and lessons
from everything occurring
around us which should always
remind us of Allah. It should
remind us of our weakness and
shortcoming as human being.

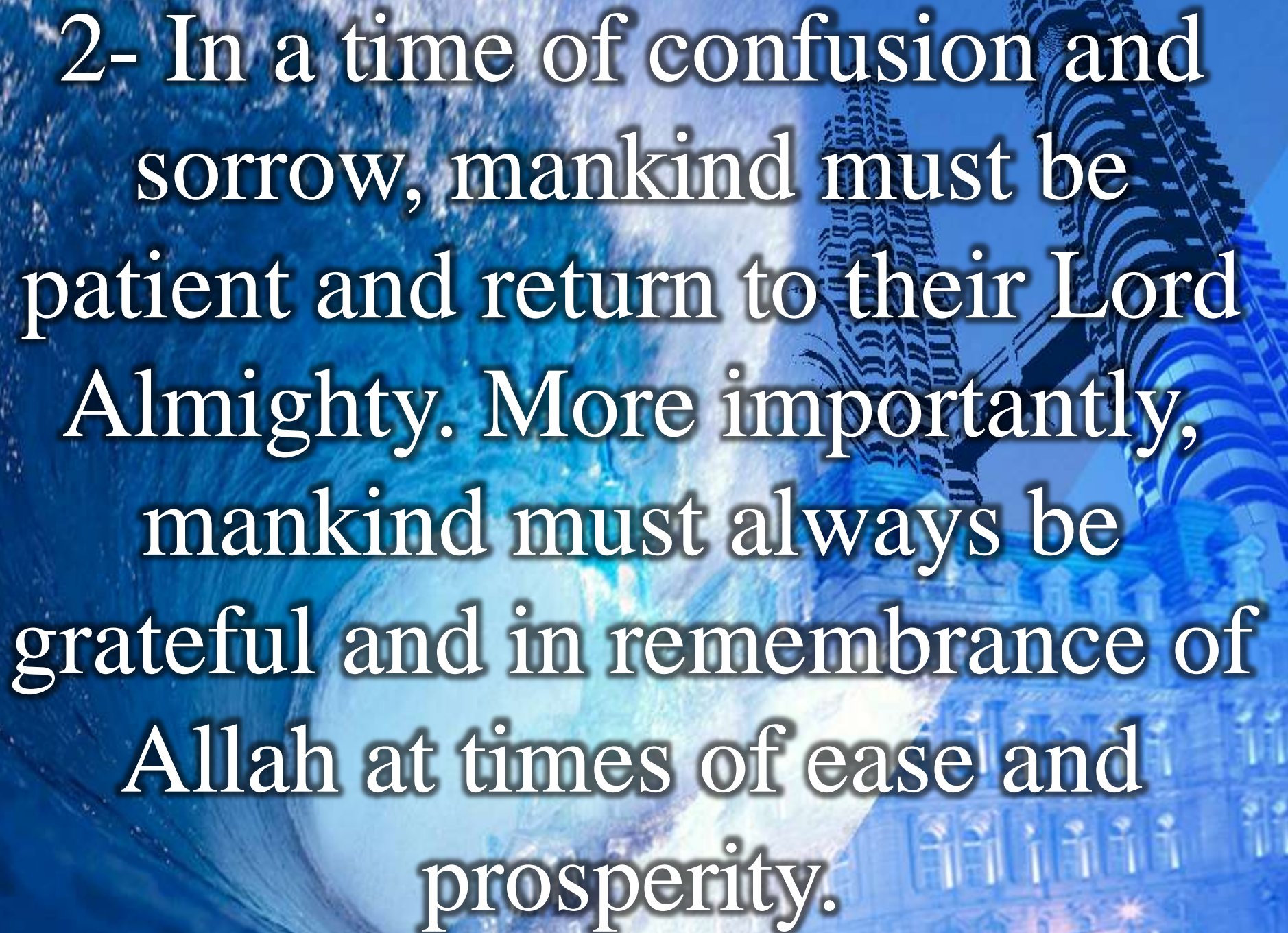


Some of the lessons to be learned from the recent tsunami disaster are as follows:

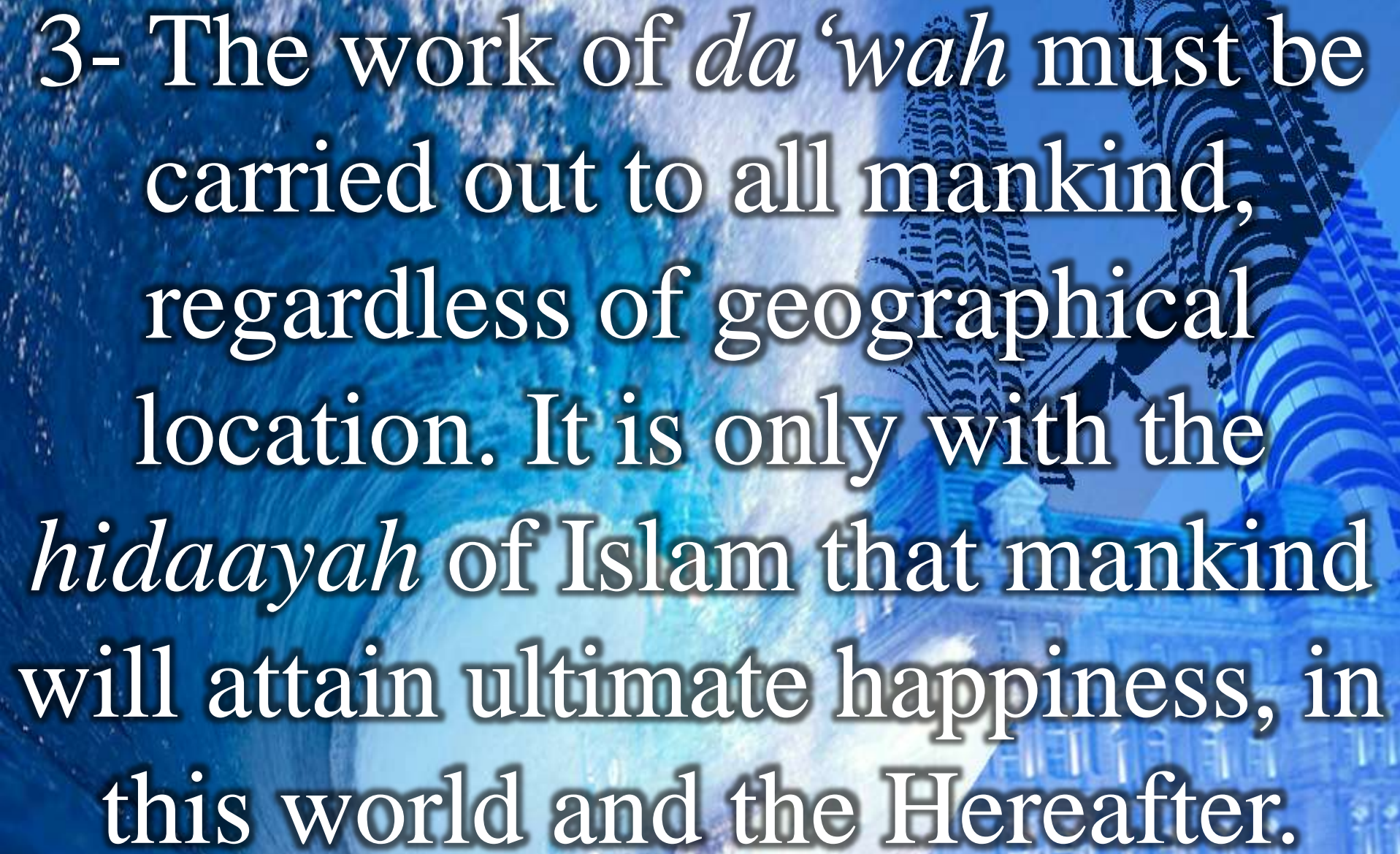
1- However great humans are, they will never be able to surpass the knowledge and power of Allah.



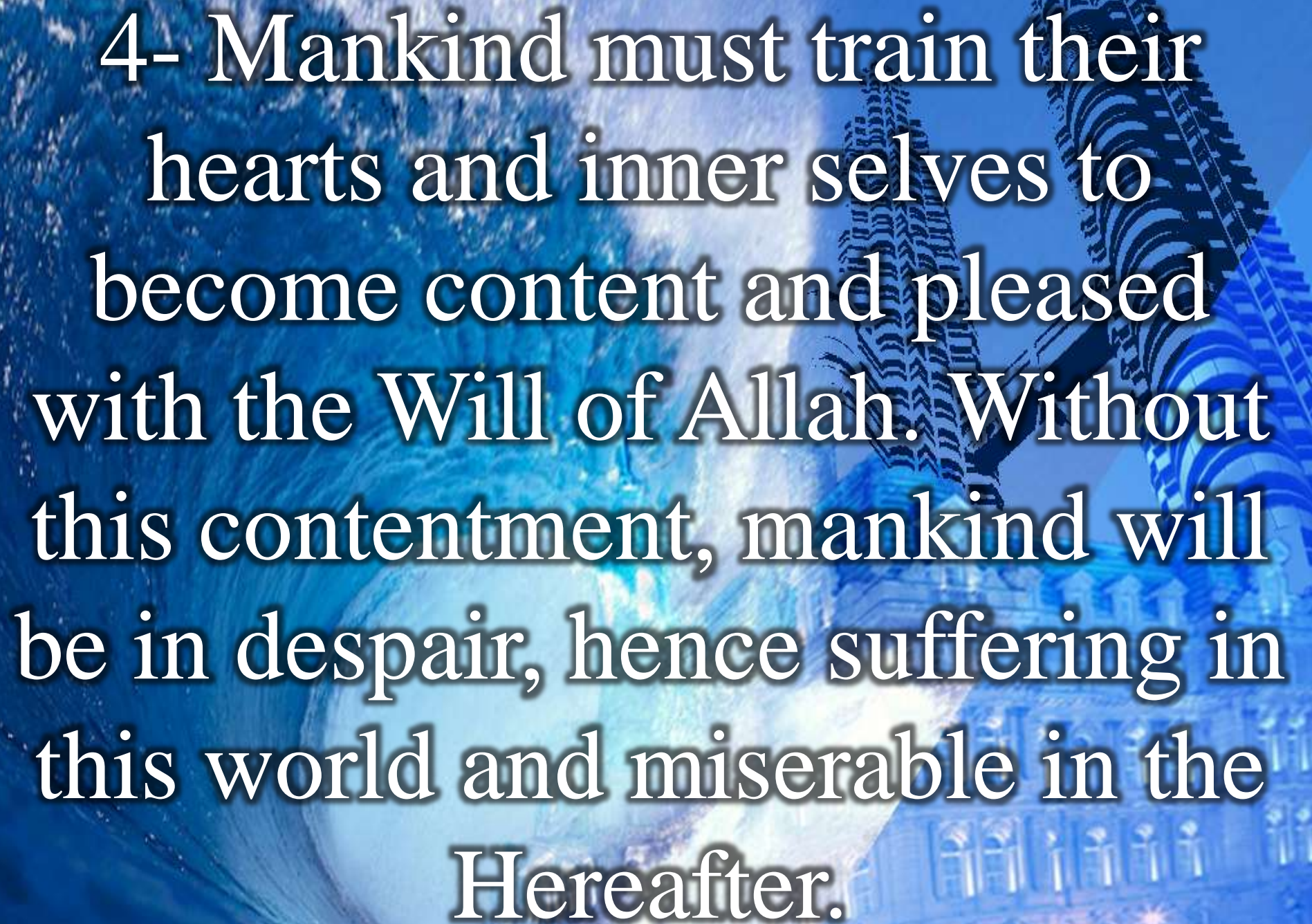
The technological advancement
achieved by mankind must be
nurtured and instilled with the
sweetness of *imaan*.



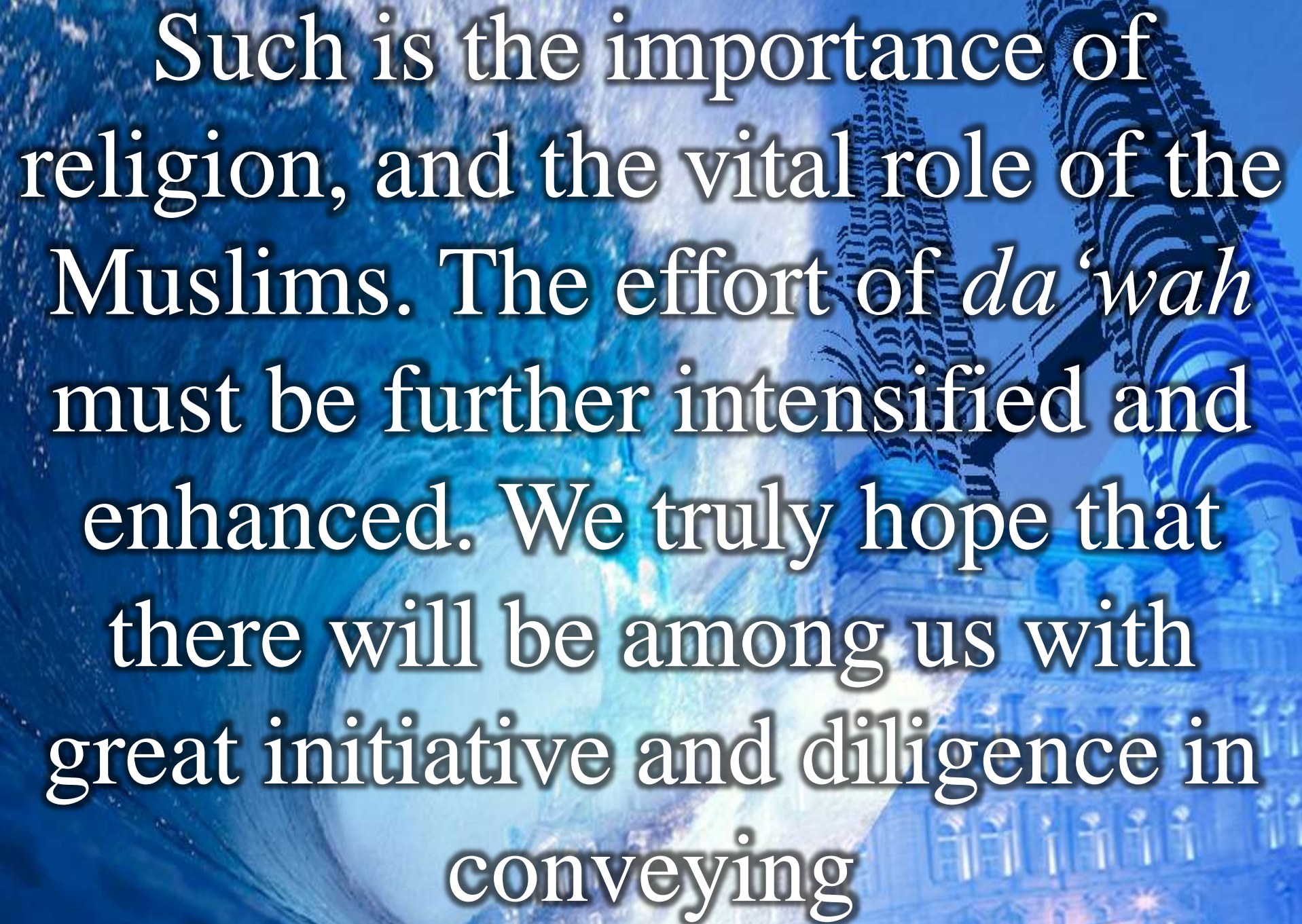
2- In a time of confusion and sorrow, mankind must be patient and return to their Lord Almighty. More importantly, mankind must always be grateful and in remembrance of Allah at times of ease and prosperity.



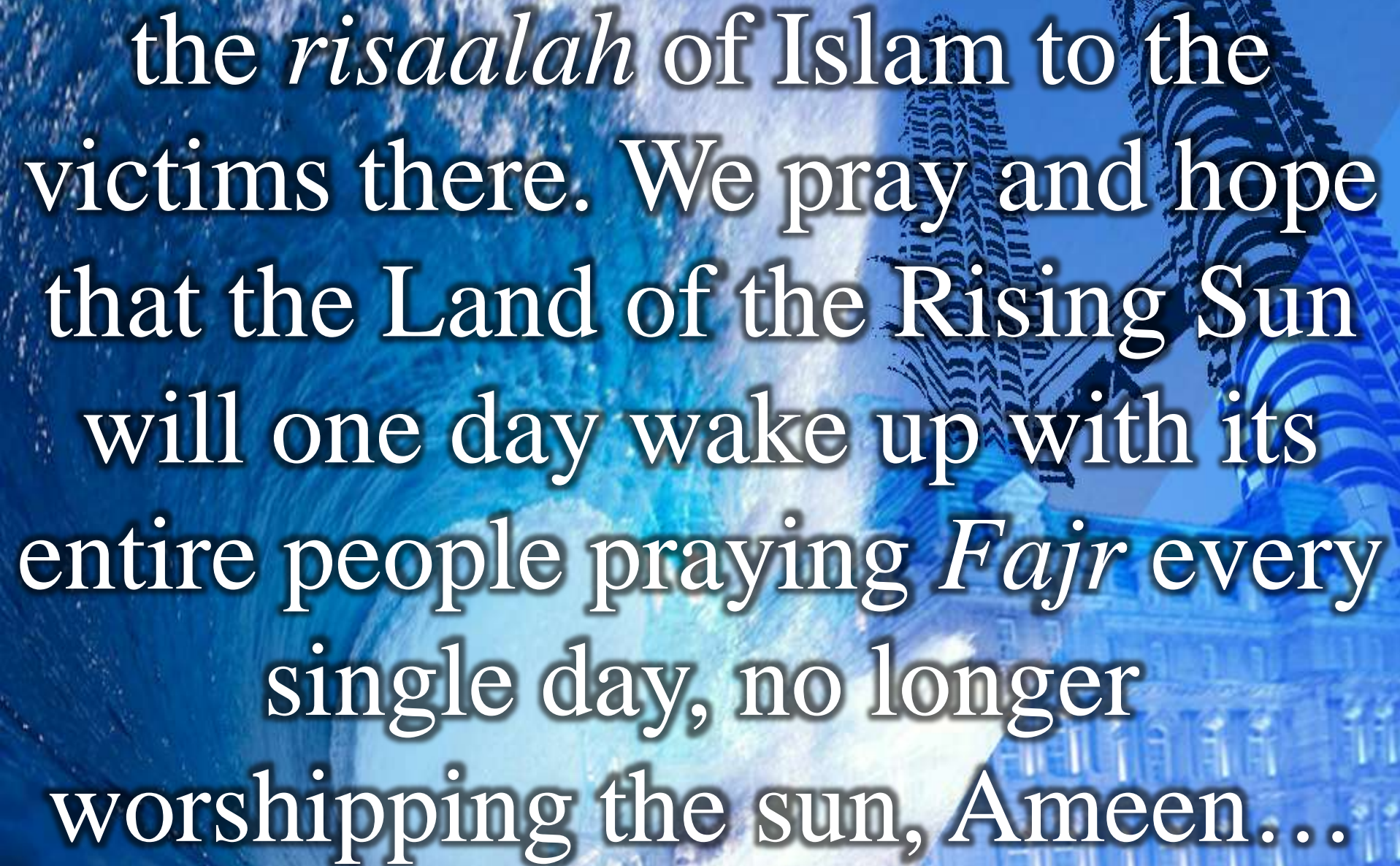
3- The work of *da'wah* must be carried out to all mankind, regardless of geographical location. It is only with the *hidaayah* of Islam that mankind will attain ultimate happiness, in this world and the Hereafter.



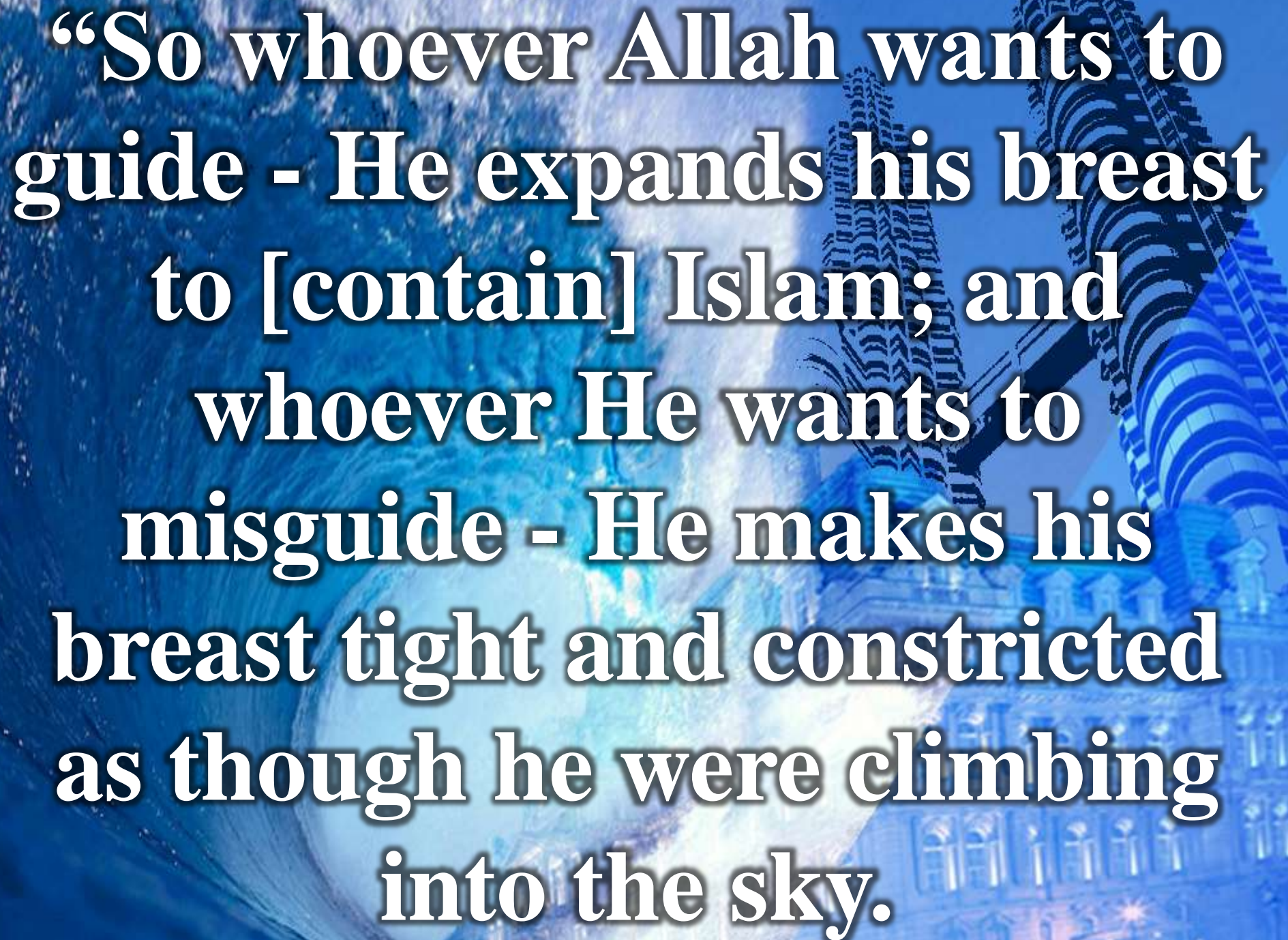
4- Mankind must train their hearts and inner selves to become content and pleased with the Will of Allah. Without this contentment, mankind will be in despair, hence suffering in this world and miserable in the Hereafter.

The background of the image features a blue-tinted view of the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with a large, glowing globe positioned in the lower-left quadrant. The text is overlaid on this background in a white serif font with a black drop shadow.

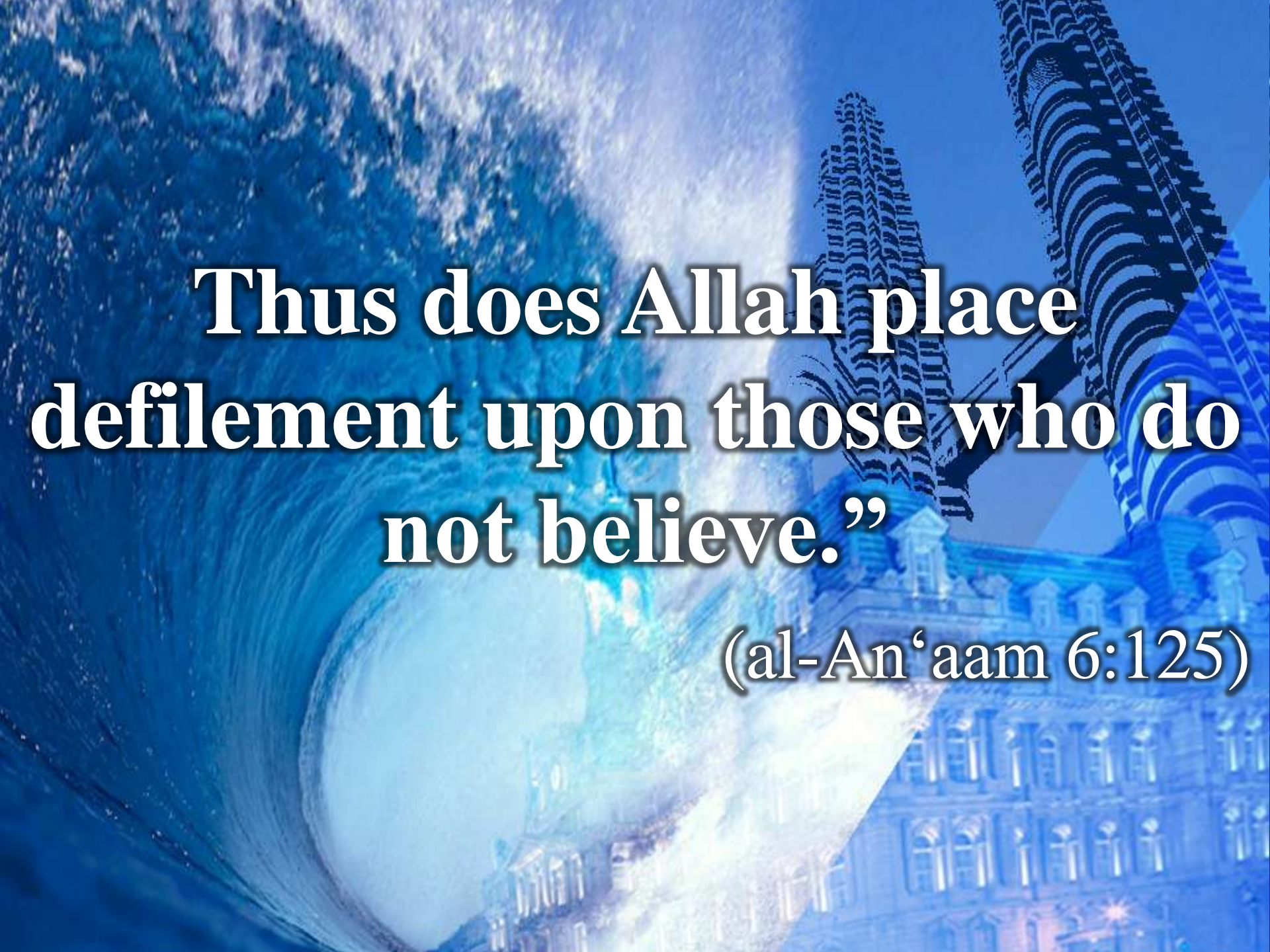
Such is the importance of religion, and the vital role of the Muslims. The effort of *da'wah* must be further intensified and enhanced. We truly hope that there will be among us with great initiative and diligence in conveying



the *risaalah* of Islam to the victims there. We pray and hope that the Land of the Rising Sun will one day wake up with its entire people praying *Fajr* every single day, no longer worshipping the sun, Ameen...



“So whoever Allah wants to guide - He expands his breast to [contain] Islam; and whoever He wants to misguide - He makes his breast tight and constricted as though he were climbing into the sky.



**Thus does Allah place
defilement upon those who do
not believe.”**

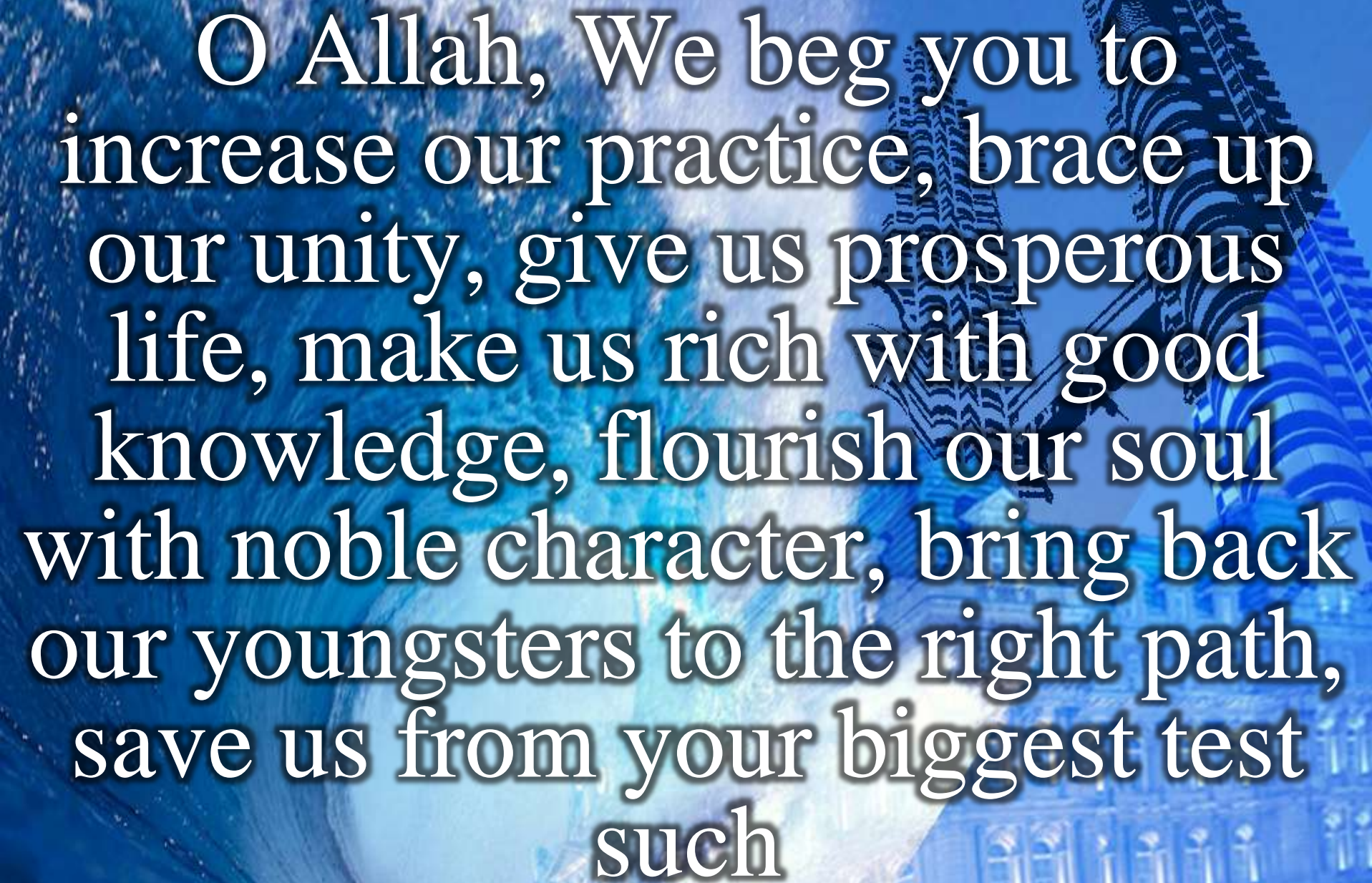
(al-An‘aam 6:125)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
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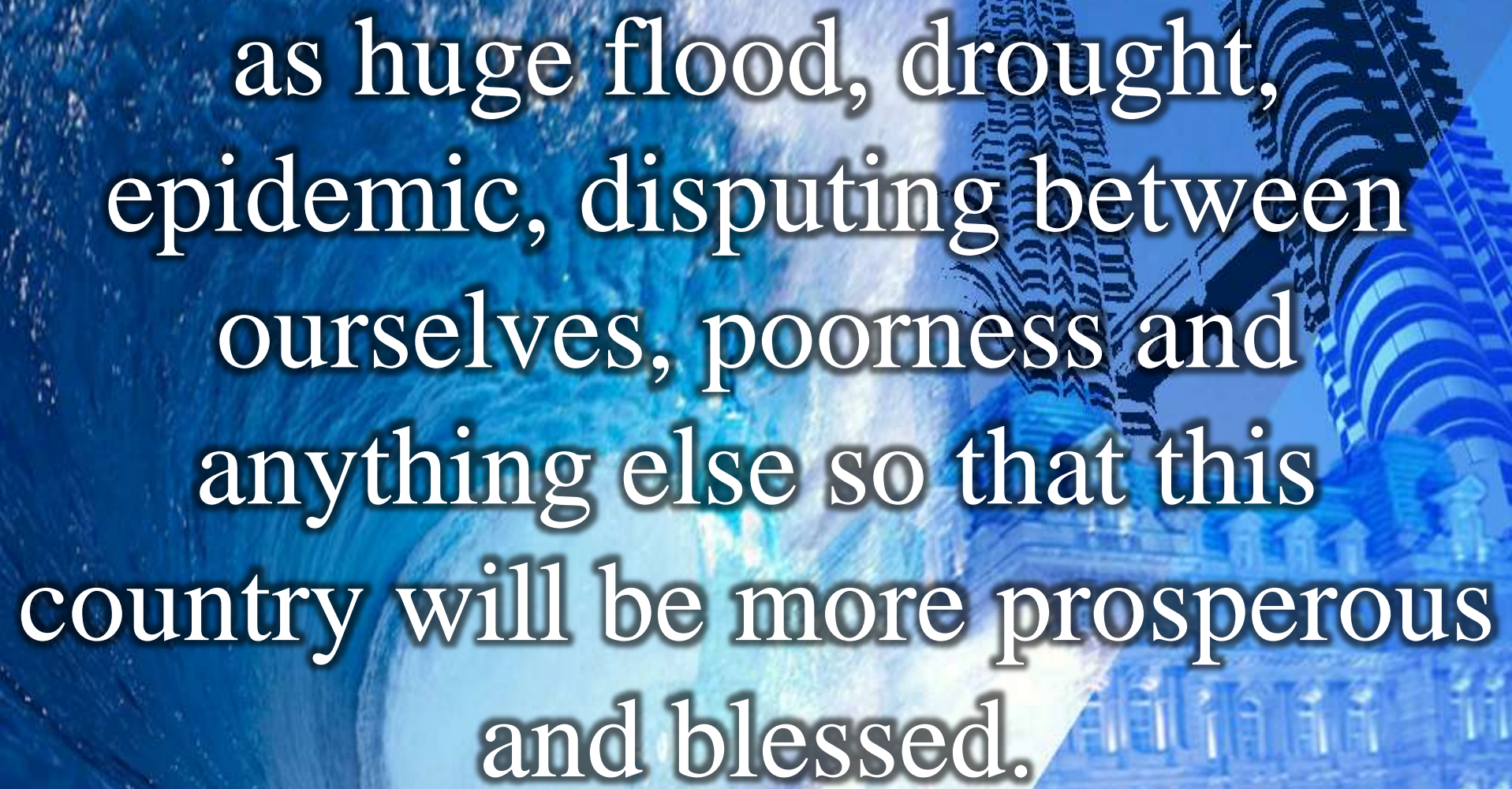


O Allah,

The most merciful god, we thank you for all the mercy and pleasure that you gave so that we can enhance and strengthen our Islamic country especially Selangor as a developed and peaceful country.



O Allah, We beg you to
increase our practice, brace up
our unity, give us prosperous
life, make us rich with good
knowledge, flourish our soul
with noble character, bring back
our youngsters to the right path,
save us from your biggest test
such



as huge flood, drought,
epidemic, disputing between
ourselves, poorness and
anything else so that this
country will be more prosperous
and blessed.



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