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Learning the Importance of Laa ilaaha illallaah



This time, Muslim
Kecil will invite you
to learn a hadith.
May Allah grant
us all the ability to
memorize and
practice it in our
lives.



عَنْ مُعَاذِ بْنِ جَبَلٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ : أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ : مَنْ شَهِدَ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُخْلِصًا مِنْ قَلْبِهِ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ (رواه أحمد وابن حبان في صحيحه)

Narrated by Mu'adh bin Jabal radhiyallahu 'anhu, the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said, "Whoever testifies that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah, sincerely from the heart, will enter paradise" (reported by Ahmad and Ibn Hibban).





Now, Let's try to learn the translation in detail!



مَنْ شَهِدَ

Whoever testifies

أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah



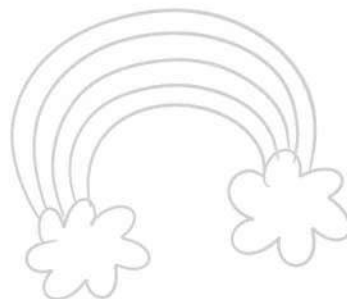
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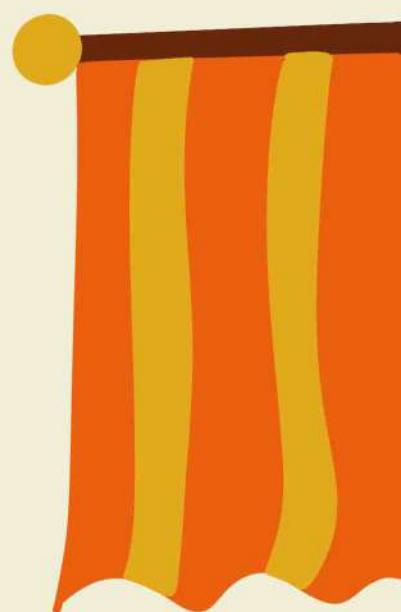
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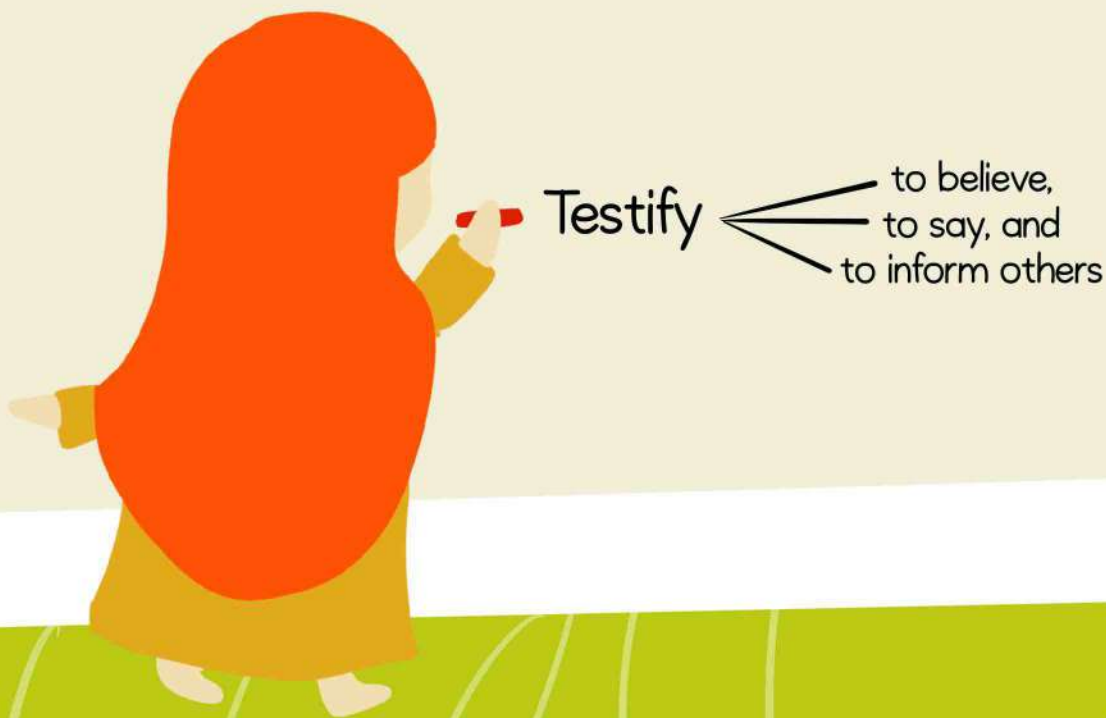


Next, we learn more about the explanation of this hadith.

"Whoever testifies that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah, sincerely from the heart, will enter paradise"



What does it mean to testify لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
It means to believe in your heart that there is
no God worthy of worship except Allah, to
say it out loud, and to inform others about it.



Great! It's time to learn the meaning of **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ**.

In this profound statement, two principles are highlighted: an-nafyu (denial) and al-itsbat (affirmation). An-nafyu emphasizes denying the worship of any other God or Ilah other than Allah, while al-itsbat affirms that all acts of worship should be directed only to Allah, without any partner.



**nafyu
itsbat**

So, the true meaning of لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ is that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah. Some people misunderstand the term لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ. One of the mistakes is by saying there is no God except Allah. This would mean that all beings that are worshipped are called Allah. It can include prophets, angels, and idols. If they are being worshipped then they are considered as Allah. Glory be to Allah from such thing. It is as absurd as saying there is no bread except for delicious bread, which means all bread is delicious.

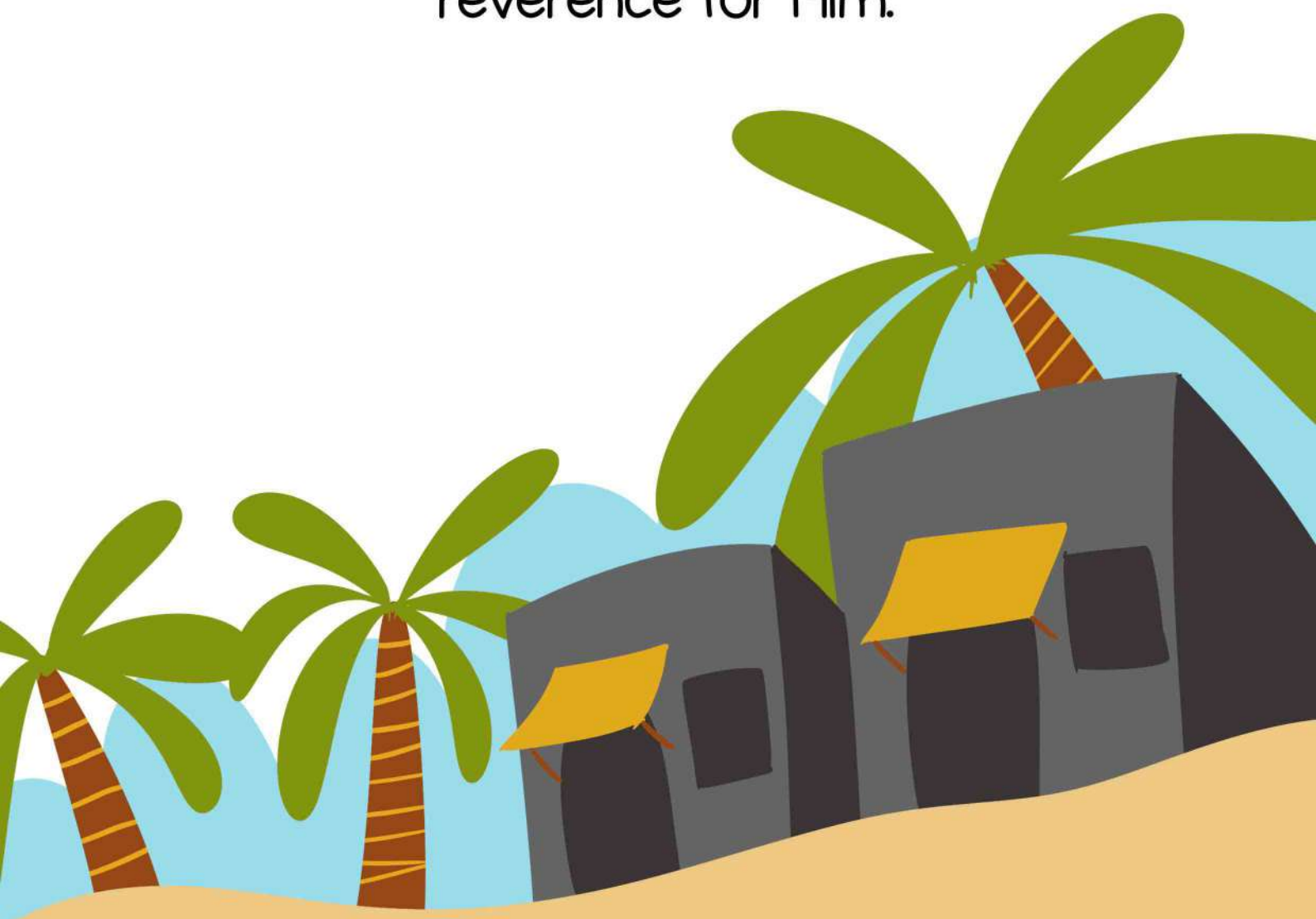


There are also people who believe that لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ means there is no ruler or organizer of the universe other than Allah. If this were the correct meaning, then the polytheistic Arabs of the past would have easily accepted the call of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

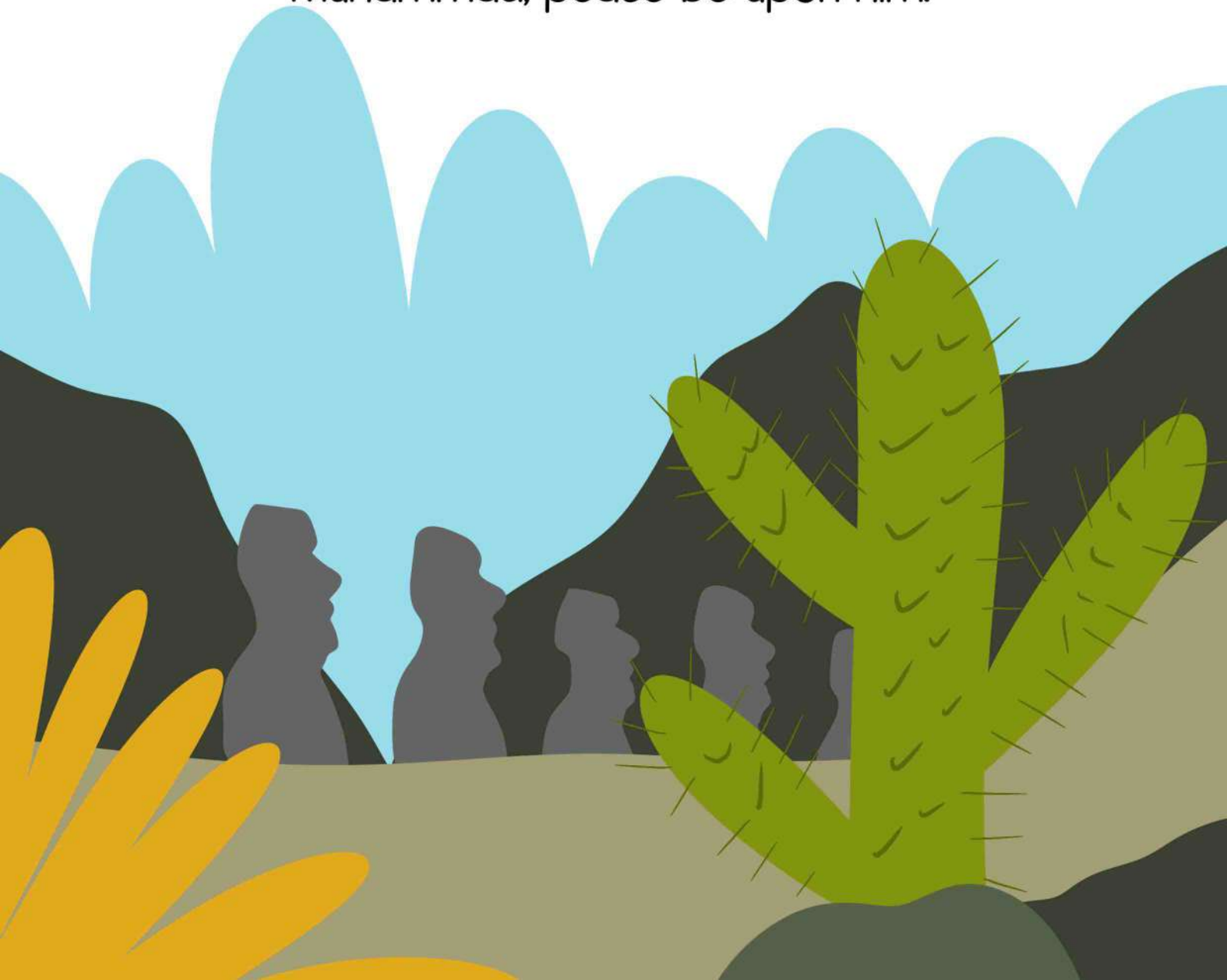


The polytheists during the time of Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, acknowledged that Allah is the ruler and organizer of the universe.

Many of them even named their children Abdullah, which means servant of Allah. They also frequently swore by the name of Allah, showing their reverence for Him.




Although these polytheistic Arab tribes acknowledged Allah as the ruler and organizer of the universe, they refused to abandon their other deities. They worshipped intermediaries to help them communicate with Allah. They believe the intermediaries can convey their prayers to Allah. This is the kind of shirk that was strongly rejected by the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him.



The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, called upon people to worship Allah alone, seeking reward only from Him. This is known as sincerity. The opposite is called shirk. Shirk means attributing a quality that is exclusive to Allah to someone or something else.



The illustration features a large tree with a brown trunk and green foliage on the left side. At the base of the tree, there is a brown pot with two handles. Three incense sticks are placed in the pot, with smoke rising from them. To the right of the pot is a large red 'X' mark. The background is white, and there is a green bush in the bottom right corner.

We know that Allah is the only
One who provides rizq
(sustenance) for us.
Asking for rizq from anyone other
than Allah is an act of shirk.

We know that only Allah deserves to be worshipped. One example of worship is animal sacrifice. If we sacrifice an animal for someone other than Allah, like a jinn, it is considered an act of shirk.



We know that Allah has knowledge of the unseen. Believing that any being other than Allah has knowledge of the unseen is an act of shirk.



The rewards for those who sincerely worship Allah without doing shirk are immense. Allah guarantees them entry into paradise. May we be counted among those sincere individuals, far from the practice of shirk. Ameen.

