

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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Closer

by aa

your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

if we are not hungry
FOR THE DEEN,
we are probably
TOO FULL OF OURSELVES
and the dunia

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I'm writing to you in one of my favourite cafes, and I've been here since

7.30 AM in the morning. It's Saturday, but I was just too excited to write to you, so I told myself, "I'm not gonna sleep in! I'm gonna write to my Champs".

See, working on AA Plus always makes my heart full. Because I know it is my little effort in this world to try to earn His pleasure and it's also my opportunity to be surrounded with beautiful souls (*i.e. you!*) who are on a similar path with me. That's the best kind of "full" for me.

But of course, there are also nights when I'd succumb to watching shows on Netflix with ice-cream in tow, and although at that moment, I do feel "full" (*i.e. tummy full*), it's not the same kind of "fulfilment" that I get when I work on or do things that pull me closer to Allah.

Which leads me to ask myself this one question: **"am I full on the Dunia today, or am I full on the Deen?"** May Allah allow us to always feed ourselves with beautiful, pure "food" for our souls, instead of worldly junks and distractions, Amin!

Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



On First Loves

What is was like to fall "in love" for the first time & the "false romanticism" that came with it

Your Internet Girlfriend

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On First Loves

My editor told me she was giggling the whole time as she worked on this episode and I can't blame her. I had a lot of fun speaking to my darling Iman on this - we cringed, we laughed, but we learned so much from the experiences of "first loves"! If you're in need of good company to start your Monday, this is it!

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Our 4th Collective Khatam

Our challenge for this week is none other than our monthly Collective Khatam! Some of you guys have personally messaged me sharing that you always look forward to doing this every month, and so do I!

There's just something beautiful about reading the words of Allah, together! As usual, I urge everyone to read a few pages of the Quran for this - just sign up with your name next to the page number you want to read and then once you've read your part, just highlight your column in green! May we be the people of Quran and may every Huruf we read be an intercession for us, Amin!

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Intentions for the week

**don't limit
Allah
with your
limitation**

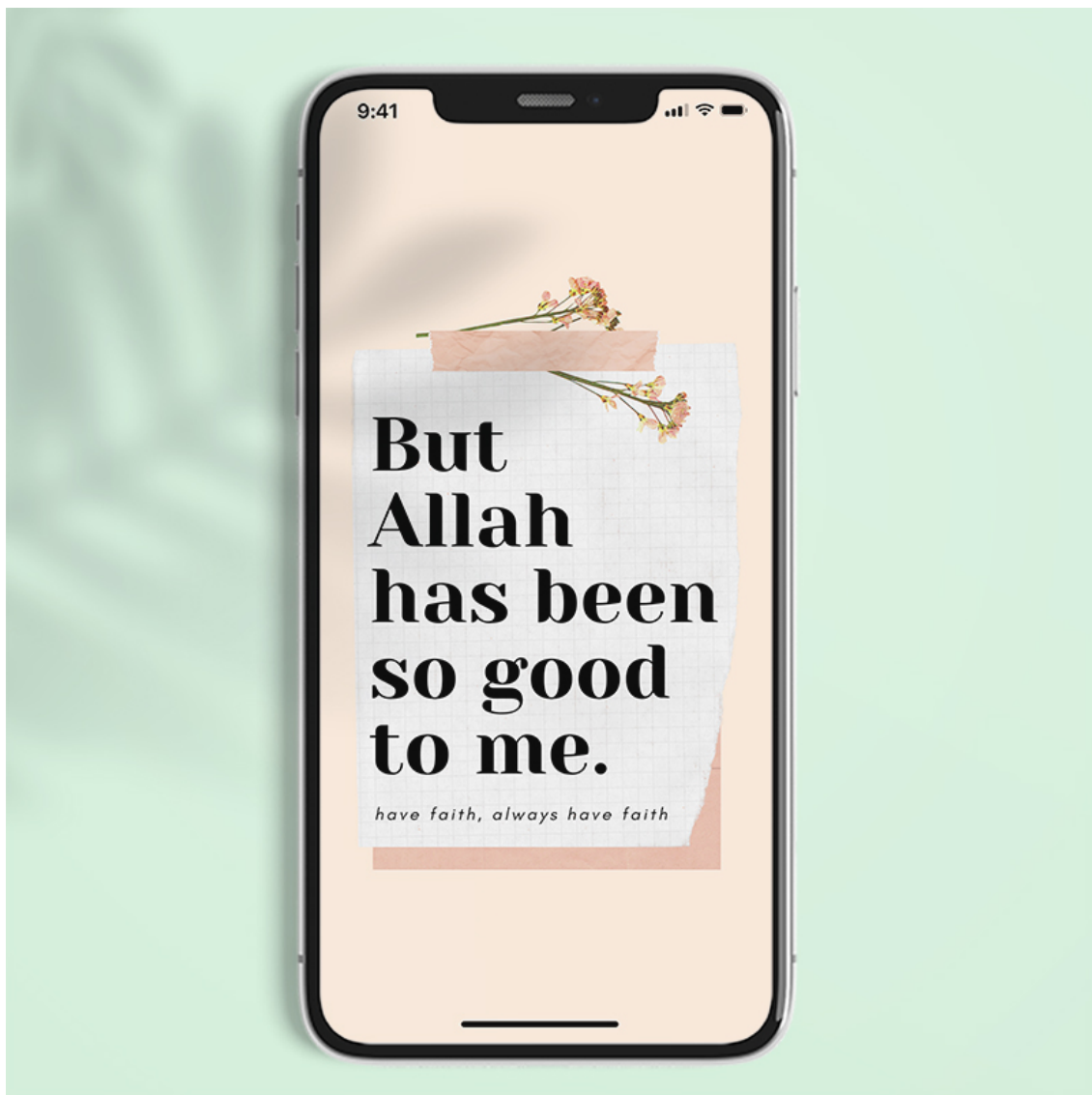


كُنْ فَيَكُونُ
"Be, and it is"

Don't Limit Allah

I've always loved and hold on to the Ayah "***Kun fayakun***" - "be, and it is", because when I feel completely hopeless and feel the whole world is against me, knowing that I have a Rabb Who can do anything and everything is deeply reassuring. ***Something may be completely difficult for me to do, but everything is easy and simple for Allah.*** However, sometimes we forget how limitless Allah SWT is because we impose ***our own*** limitations on to Him - which is such a shame! In the Singaporean lingo, we call it "***wasted***" (or "rugi" in Malay). So starting from this week, when I'm making a Dua, I'll pray for big, big things, because Allah has no limit. When I'm making my intentions, I'll intend for grand plans, because Allah has no limit. When I'm asking for forgiveness from Allah, I'll repent knowing that His Mercy also has no limits. So champs, let's go all out, and keep on asking from Him, without limit!

Your visual reminder



For all the times when we procrastinate to do good, when we complain too much, when we feel utterly unloved, when we feel there is no hope left, when we feel we just cannot fight on anymore - remember - **but Allah has been so good to us**. So have faith, lots of it, and strive on!

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Muslim Meme



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Remembering you don't have wudhu after the final sujood.

What's worse
than a
heartbreak?

Mine would be: reaching the final sujood and then passing air.



Something to Ponder

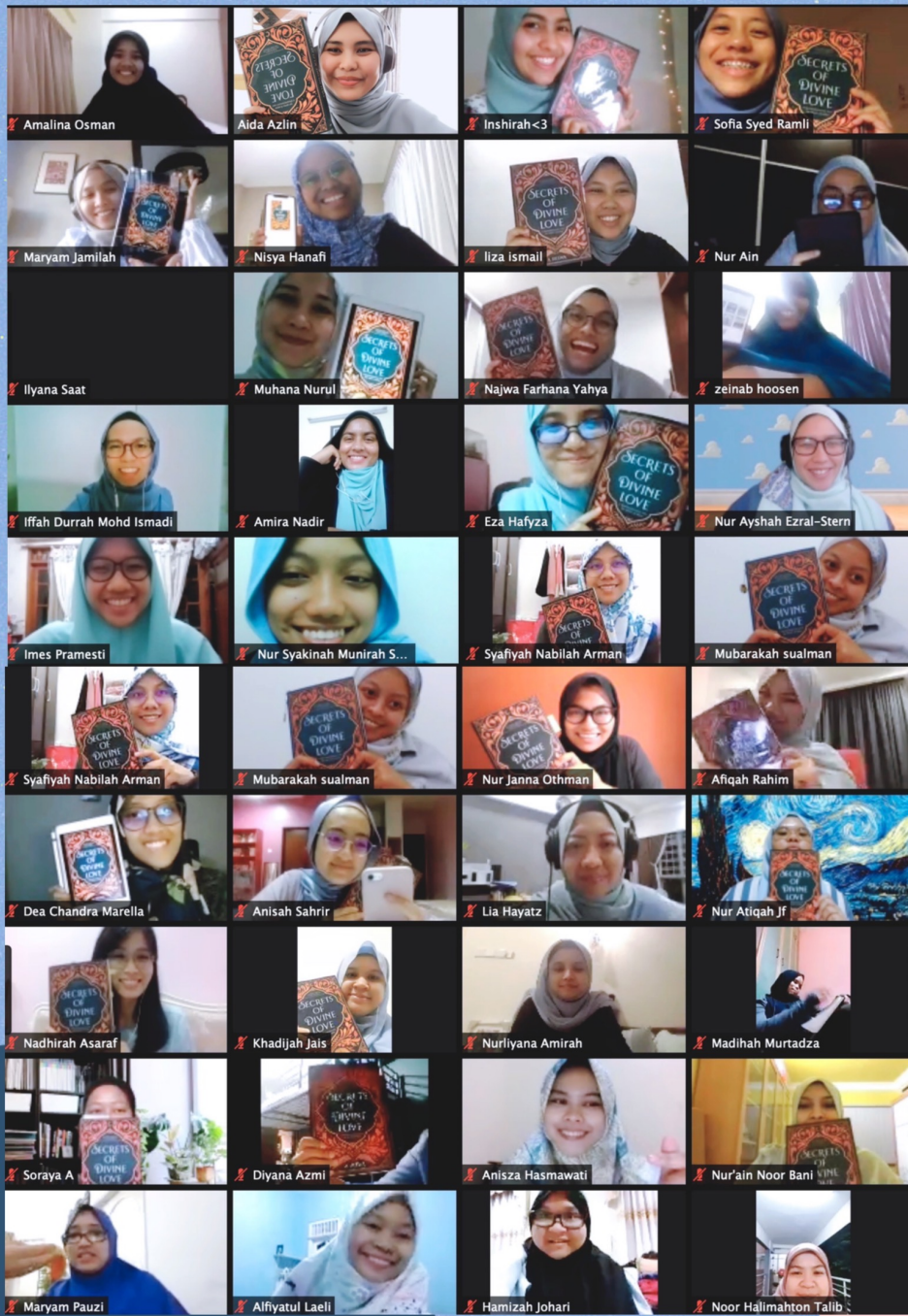
There is no pillow
as soft as a
clear conscience.



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My definition of success has always been: to go to sleep every night, tired-happy. The "tired" bit is easily done - I enjoy my work a whole lot that I sometimes don't realise a whole day has passed. But the "happy" bit requires me to be a lot more mindful, because one of the biggest factors for me to reach that state is to make sure that I have not harmed, hurt, or caused pain to anyone that day. On days when I'll slip up, I can never go to sleep well because I know I have not given someone else his / her due rights. So if you haven't been sleeping well, perhaps ask yourself, "Is there anyone I need to apologise to?"

in case you missed it



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One of my fav Open Sessions to date as we discussed our BOTM, 'Secrets of Divine Love', together with Helwa (the writer herself. PS: These Champs stayed up till midnight (!!!) for this Session, and I'm beyond grateful for allll of the gems that were being shared, Ma Sha Allah! Helwa ended the session with a beautiful Dua that left me in tears. ❤️

Watch the Open Session Replay Here

and with that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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