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In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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To cherish our
relationship with the
Giver of Gifts more
than the gift itself.

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

I was reflecting on an Ayah in Surah Ali-Imran recently and it has

made me wonder about what are some of the things I cherish most in my life. The verse in question is as follows:

"You will **never** achieve righteousness until you donate (spend in the way of Allah) some of what you cherish / love. And whatever you give is certainly well known to Allah." ([Quran 3:92](#))

What got me was the word Allah SWT uses at the beginning of the Ayah: "لَنْ" - **Never**. I sat with this for quite a while, repeating it over and over again in my heart - **never will I achieve righteousness** if I don't give from what I love. Allah SWT's firmness in this Ayah is unquestionable.

At first glance, many of us will read this Ayah to mean charity - the giving of our wealth. But when I mull over this even more, I realised that this means giving up on anything that I cherish for His sake, *besides* money. And quite honestly, I can think of a number of other things apart from money that I cherish even more.

For one, my alone time. I cherish my alone time and guard them fiercely. But if I want to be from the people of Service and Selflessness, then my peace and quiet time is definitely something I must willingly and happily give for His sake.

Another thing that comes to my mind is my home - it is where I worship, work, learn, play and rest. My home is my Jannah on Earth. But Allah SWT has said that I will never achieve righteousness if I do not give from what I love, which means at every single opportunity that Allah SWT has given me to safely host, home or accommodate a guest or two that He Himself has sent to me, I should seize it.

What this Ayah has taught me, more than anything else, is to always

redirect my love to the One who has given me everything that I have and more, and not overly attach myself to the gifts itself. Allah SWT is teaching us to shed the temporary Dunia so that we can receive the greatest gift of all, our reunion with Him in the highest of Jannah.

So Champs, here's a question for you - what do you cherish most, the Giver of Gifts, al-Wahab Himself, or the gifts that He has given (and therefore He can also very easily take away from) you?

get excited for



I am super excited to re-listen to this TKV Episode with Ustazah Farhana on 'Rewiring Selflessness' with you this week, as one of my intentions for 1445H is to strive as earnestly as I can to be in service for His sake, especially for my family. To do this, I truly have to learn how to weaken and silence my Nafs and what has really helped is listening to some of the beautiful examples of Selflessness by our pious predecessors in this episode! This TKV is also timely as it teaches us that attaining true happiness and pleasure is achieved **only** by serving others for His sake, and this is something that definitely goes against the notion of "Self Love" - a concept that is widely preached today by societies that only worship and obsess over the Self.

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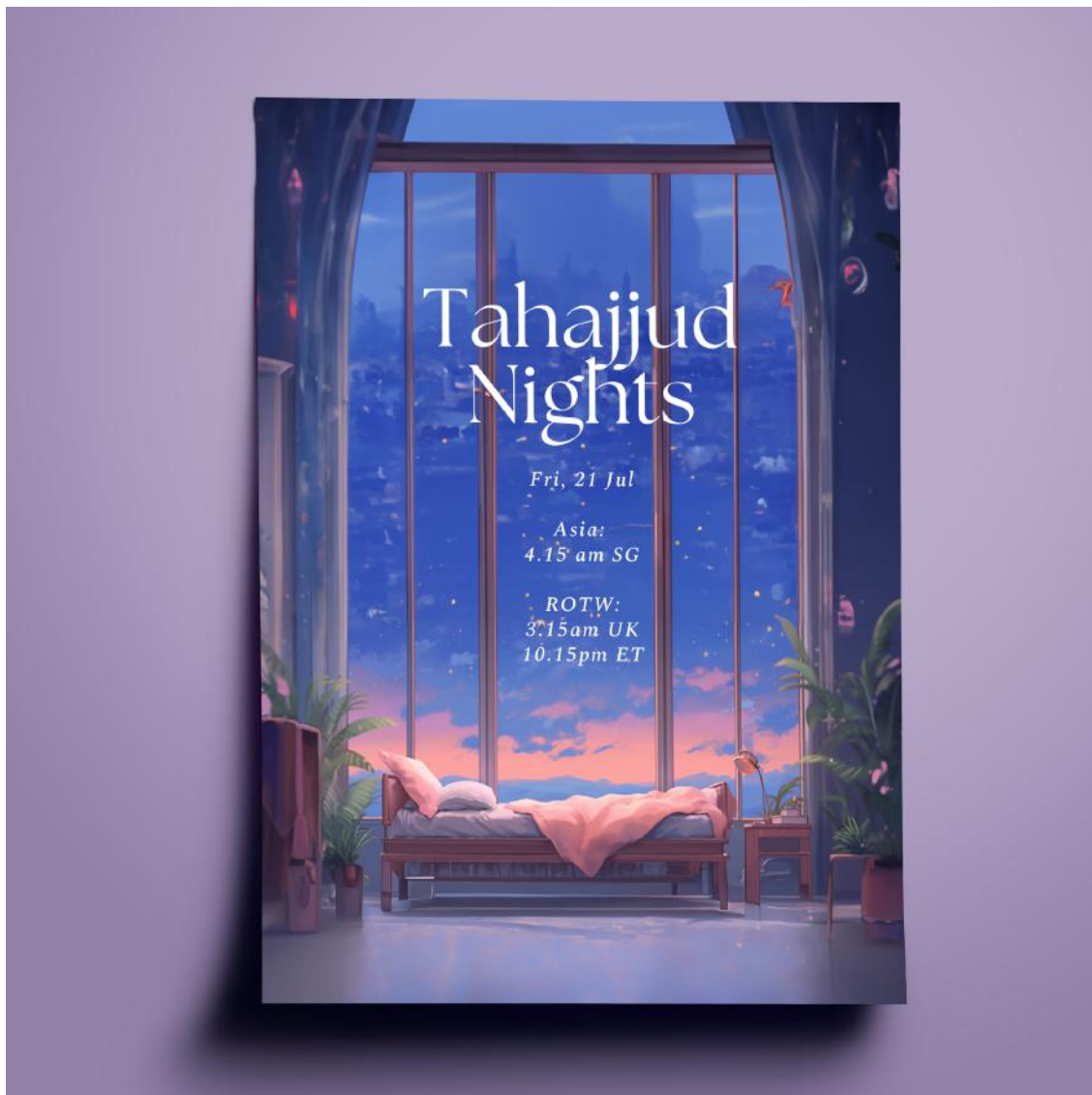
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*Observe, don't absorb.
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I love this advice that I read a while ago, though I am still processing it.

We live in a time where we now have access to see people's homes, watch their day-to-day routines, read their most vulnerable thoughts and overhear other people's controversial conversations. Everything is also overstimulated, over-exaggerated and overly calculated - which makes me wonder if our thoughts, our fears and our dreams are truly ours, or were they merely a culmination of different influences that we absorb? May we be detached observers of this world so that we can attach our hearts to Allah SWT and the Hereafter instead.

a date with Him



I believe we all know the benefits and the virtues of spending one on one quality time with Allah SWT in the last 3rd of the night, but for many of us, we still find it difficult to fight our Nafs and wake up during these hours, myself included! Sometimes I would find myself awake, but Subhanallah, the jihad to really lift that blanket and roll out of bed and on to the prayer mat is just momentous. However, when I know that I have to be awake to start our Tahajjud sessions, it really does help keep me accountable! So Champs, if you have always intended to be more consistent with your Tahajjud, imagine that your future Neighbours are waiting for you during these calls! PS: Reply to this email if you need a wake-up call for this week's Tahajjud session, In Sha Allah, we've got your back and will have you covered!

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a sunnah for the new year

To smile
more

(Tirmidhi)

(Screenshot to see your Sunnah of the Year!)

Alhamdulillah for the blessing of ushering in 1445H with all of you this week! Our Zikir + Intention New Year Party was exactly what my soul needed, and I thank every single one of you who made it to the session live. They were not recorded to maintain the sanctity of the event, but here's a snippet of a little activity we played during the Call - choosing a Sunnah of our beloved Prophet ﷺ to practice throughout this New Year! Play along by simply screenshotting the GIF above and see what you got! Feel free to share them with me, and tell me your thoughts on getting that particular Sunnah. PS: If you missed the call, check out the PDF slides that I shared during the Party in the link below!

[View the full PDF Slides of our 1445H Intention Party Here!](#)

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Me before learning Tajweed:

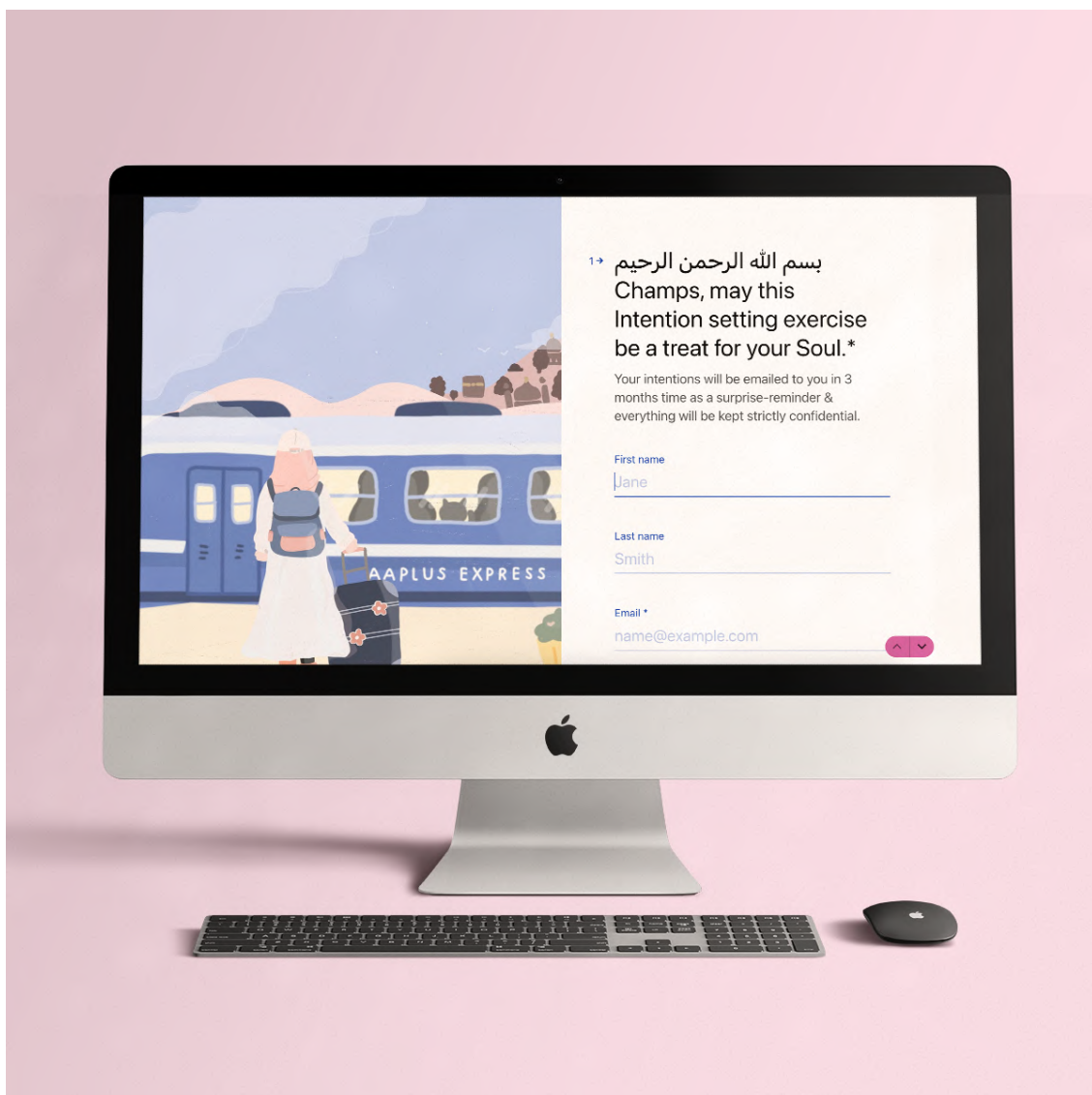


Honest to God, before I took Tajweed Classes, I arrogantly thought that I already knew how to recite every single letter of the Arabic language. Until I realised that my Malay tongue needed more practice to make sure I am reciting all of the letters from the correct point of articulation (*Makhrāj*). 3 years on, I am still in awe of how fascinating Arabic is! For example, how the letter ح is recited differently, i.e. lightly (*tarqeeq*) or heavily (*tafkheem*), depending on certain conditions. But this is what makes learning how to read the Quran SO FUN - you'll never stop discovering new things! Champs, if you are curious to learn how to recite the Arabic letters or to simply practice your Quran recitation in a safe environment, I invite you to join our 114 Club!

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to ponder



During the New Year Party, we all took some time to jot down our Intentions for 1445H and needless to say, it was such a therapeutic

experience! If you haven't found the time to sit down to ponder and gather your intentions, I urge you to do yourself a favour and [start here](#)! There are eight different prompters that will, In Sha Allah, guide and inspire you to set grand intentions for your Soul, Mind, Heart, Relationships and more! Here's the best part: my team and I will then email you your Intentions **three months from now** as a surprise-reminder! **PS: Your intentions will be kept strictly private and confidential between you and Allah SWT. :)**

[Set Your Intentions for 1445H Here!](#)

And with that, my dearest Champs, I pray may you always cherish the blessing of being Allah's, for when you are His, you are loved, at peace and safe. :)

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