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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*

THEY SAY

*the sunnah doesn't*

FIT WITH SOCIETY. BUT WE ARE NOT

*made for society,*

WE ARE MADE FOR JANNAH.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I thought it'd be weird to send you a Closer email on a Thursday, but I honestly am feeling rather grateful that I get to check back in with you guys on a mid-week! I pray your first week of 2021 has been splendidly blessed - mine has been rather slow, but the fulfilling kinda slow. :) Which is why I'm excited that our Study Dates are back on this week (I miss learning with you Champs!) and what better way to kickstart TKV in 2021 than learning about Rasulallah SAW!

I remember making a dua to study the Seerah with a teacher who is passionate and loves Rasulallah SAW immensely many years ago. And when I was recording the lessons with Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa, I realised that Allah SWT has definitely answered my prayers because the first thing that Ustazah said was, **"There are lessons to be learnt from each and every breath that Rasulallah SAW took"** and that line (and the rest of the Class, Ma Sha Allah) took my breath away.

One of the things that my teacher (who is also Ustazah 'Alima's teacher) taught me is that we should diligently send the Selawat to Rasulallah SAW whenever we are learning about him SAW. I remember one of our assignments was to send 500 selawats every day (and 1000 selawats on Fridays) to Rasulallah SAW during the whole course of learning about the Hadiths of Rasulallah SAW. At first, I thought it was too difficult, but... Champs, **when you make time for Selawat, Allah SWT truly expand and pour barakah into your time.** So now when I find myself in a state of disarray, then I know I'm not sending enough Selawat.

PS: Here's [a YouTube video of 1000x Selawat](#) that I follow along while I work / do my chores / walks, should you want to include this practice in your day to day. :)

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*This week on aa plus*



#1

ON INTENTIONS  
AND FINDING YOUR "WHY"

*with*

AIDA AZLIN & A HELWA

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Open Flow: The Power of Writing From Your Heart

For this first episode, Helwa and I address the all-important question of "**why do we write?**". Addressing this from the very get-go was crucial because it is our intentions that will ground and anchor us, whenever things get too difficult. At the end of the episode, we also urged you to think of your own "why". I've read some of your intentions and they are beyond beautiful, Ma Sha Allah - so if you haven't listened to the episode or share your intentions, please do so!

PS: If you think you are not a "writer" and this is not for you, I challenge you to still listen in as Helwa and I believe that we are all pregnant with stories just waiting to be told!

[Start Class Here](#)

**#1**



**HIS BLESSED  
LINEAGE + BIRTH**

with Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa + Aida Azlin

7 January / TKV

## **His Blessed Lineage + Birth**

For the very first episode, Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa and I discussed Rasulullah SAW's blessed lineage and why was it important that Allah SWT protected the Prophet's ancestry from the very beginning till his birth. A few other important topics that were also addressed in this episode are: how important it is that we fix our mindset on studying the Seerah, how women were treated during the age of Jahilliyah, what constitutes good social standing during Rasulullah SAW's time and

also his blessed birth! PS: I never thought too much about Rasulullah SAW's lineage until this episode!

[Access Class Here](#)

PS: Don't forget our Study Date!

STUDY DATE IS BACK!

**FRI / 8.30PM**

SG / MS / BR

**SAT / 7.30PM**

UK

[Zoom Link For Study Date](#)

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*share with Allah*



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I wanted to add this new segment - '**Share with Allah**' - for Closer this year. It's a simple prompter that I hope will encourage us to never stop communicating with Allah SWT, no matter how busy things get. We get so swept away in our day to day, and our prayers are rushed, and then we crawl into bed only to repeat the same routine the next day, so it is my intention that with this, we will remember to reconnect with our Rabb and to always see Him as our BFF. ❤️ So go on! Today, share with Allah something beautiful or adorable that you saw today. (I saw plenty, Alhamdulillah!)

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# Muslim Meme



**Whocares**

@whocares853

Shoutout to everyone who said they would start eating healthy in the new year and already decided to wait until Monday

I LOL-ed when I read this, but if anyone is thinking the same, I challenge you to go one level up and **fast** this coming Monday! Shall we do it together, Champs? At least plant an intention? ❤️ It's a Sunnah I want to be more consistent in this year!

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Something to Ponder

The fool is the one who sells  
his Akhira for his Dunia.  
More foolish is the one  
who sells his Akhira  
for someone else's Dunia.

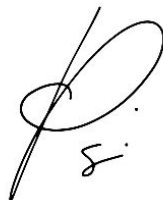
*Shaykh Muhammad ibn Yahya al-Ninowy*



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Ufffff this quote hit me like a ton of bricks! I winced when I remembered all those times when I would foolishly think Allah wasn't watching while I do silly stuff for temporal "enjoyment"! But! Alhamdulillah for having a God that always forgives! May we always remember that when we do things for Akhira, we will also get the Dunia, but if we do things only for the Dunia we will never, ever, ever get the Akhira. Let's invest wisely, Champs!

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ending it with His Words

**Quran 40:61**

Surely Allah is ever Bountiful to humanity, but most people are ungrateful.

More Gratitude

Less Complaining

*With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.*

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