

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*

*you were deliberately*  
**PLANNED,**  
*specifically gifted,*  
AND LOVINGLY POSITIONED  
*on this earth by*  
**THE MASTER**  
*fashioner himself*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

If you attended this week's Tadarus, you would know that I am head over heels with an Ayah from the Quran about clouds ☁️. I think it is one of the most **adorable** Ayahs in the Quran, and it goes like this,

"He is the One Who sends the winds ushering in His Mercy. When they bear heavy clouds, We drive them to a lifeless land and then cause rain to fall, producing every type of fruit." ([Quran 7:57](#))

Let me gush about it one more time: Allah SWT said that He Himself **drive** the clouds purposefully **to a lifeless land**. Can we just pause for a second and soak this in? Every single creation of Allah SWT, including every single cloud, every single leaf, every single atom, has a purpose, so what makes us think we, the Khalifahs of this world, don't?

Allah SWT taught us that one of the purposes of clouds is to rain unto a lifeless land which will then "produce every type of fruit". Champs, have you ever imagined what your life would be like without apples 🍏, without strawberries 🍓, without **any** fruits - life just wouldn't be the same! (Not being dramatic here, I love my fruits.) And they are able to grow and flourish **because** Allah SWT purposefully drove specific clouds to specific lands to produce specific fruits.

**Every 🙌 single 🙌 creation 🙌 of 🙌 Allah SWT 🙌 is necessary and special and beautiful and purposeful. Including you. Especially you.**

But we're not done yet, ladies. After I shared my reflection, Omodara, your fellow Champ from Nigeria, expanded my point and added her beautiful insight. She said, "**This is a lesson for us all to never complain or think bad about any 'clouds' that may be passing by in our lives because although we think it is inconvenient or a hassle to have rain, there are others who are actually counting on that downpour for sustenance.**" #MICDROP


The Quran, Ma Sha Allah, is filled with so many gems like these to learn and reflect on, so here's another invitation for you to come for [our weekly Tadarus](#) ok Champs? ❤️

*PS: This reflection beautifully ties with our TKV this week!*

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*This week on aa plus*

*tku presents*  
Allah's Beautiful Names



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MUSAWWIR

**THE ONE WHO FASHIONS  
EVERY SINGLE CREATION**

**EPISODE  
DETAILS:**

Main Series:  
Allah's Beautiful  
Names

Duration:  
41 min 48 sec

Genre:  
Contemplative,  
Appreciative,  
Aware

**1 QUOTE FROM THE EPISODE:**

If you are not needed in this world, Allah SWT would not create us in the first place. The fact that you are alive today means you are still necessary in the whole functioning of this Earth. You are necessary in the grand tapestry of this Earth. We need you. We need your colour and your thread. The world cannot function without you.

**STUDY DATE ROTW:**  
Thu, 9PM UK  
(to start with recitation  
of Surah al-Kahf)

**STUDY DATE ASIA:**  
Fri, 8PM SG  
(to start with recitation  
of Surah Yasin)

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Champs, we are almost at the end of this wonderful series with Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa and this week, we will be learning about the Name 'al-Musawwir' (The Fashioner). I have great love and admiration

for this particular Name for many reasons but you have to tune in to the Class to know why! (Clue: You'll need this Name for everything!) This episode will also make us stop and reflect on all of His creations around us, make us want to find the "branding" of Allah SWT and how it is present in everything around us, **including what is in ourselves**. Get ready to be mindblown. Also, if you love all things beautiful, and \* *fashion* \* (read in 'bougie' voice), you'll DEFINITELY enjoy this Class, In Sha Allah!

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*Next week on aa plus*



**Monday | 9th August | 9pm SG / 2pm UK**

Champs, a gentle reminder that we will be coming together for a short but necessary session to set our intentions for 1443H! My team and I will be sharing some prompts and questions to help us think deeper about our goals for the Islamic New Year. The plan is to chill, play some beautiful Qasidahs as we jot our intentions down and then In Sha Allah, we'll wrap the session with some much-needed dose of Quran and Duas! Looking forward to making this new beginning a blessed one with all of you!

**[Join Session Here](#)**

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*a beautiful Dua*

Ya Allah,  
allow me to find  
purpose in this  
pain, strength in  
this struggle, and  
faith in this fight.

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#abeautifuldua

I've been sick quite a lot these past weeks and I finally got myself checked a couple of days ago. Alhamdulillah, it is nothing serious, but I just found out I am officially allergic to cats and dust mites which broke my heart because... 1) I love my cats and 2) I love to clean. 😂😂  
😂 But! This revelation has actually made me and K re-think about a lot of things in our home and our lifestyle decisions - if all the stuff that we have is necessary, if we should send Noor and Khair for regular grooming, if we've been eating good food to strengthen our immunity etc. It was tempting to sigh, get frustrated, and complain when we got

the results, but Alhamdulillah for the Dua above. There's always purpose to every pain, strength in every struggle & faith in every fight!

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*share with Allah*



Reminder To:

10m ago

**Share with Allah**

about the things that you are finding hard to pay attention to.

Recently, I've been noticing that my attention span is dwindling and this is definitely a cause of concern for me. If you are having difficulty focusing on your Solah, on your Quran, on conversations, or just on the present moment, then it's time to bring this worry to the Owner of Focus and Productivity, Allah SWT Himself.

# Majestic Masjids



Our Champ,  
Aishah!



## The Cambridge Central Mosque

*Europe's first eco-  
friendly mosque*



This week, we are masjid-hopping to the first-ever Eco-Friendly Mosque in Europe - **The Cambridge Central Mosque!** I squealed when I saw the email by our fellow Champ, Aishah B, about her visit to the mosque because it is in one of my 'masjids-to-pray-in-before-I-die' list! Here's what Aishah has to say about the Masjid: "I got to know about this mosque through my non-Muslim Professor, during my degree in the UK. He shared with us in class as he was fascinated with its eco-friendly & sustainable design. I then visited the mosque myself and was **awestruck**. I envisioned this as the 'new modern' and



should be an example to other new mosques. This mosque not only benefits the Muslim Community but was also designed & built to positively impact the natural environment, which is also part of our Fardhu Kifayah <3."

**PS:** Champs, whenever I share Mosques in this Series, let's make dua that we'll all be able to pray together, if not here in this Dunia, then In Sha Allah, in the highest of Jannah, Amin! **PPS:** If you have a favourite mosque, email me and tell me all about it! We're all missing the Masjids a little more because of the Pandemic. :(

Muslim Meme



@theHaalaG

this is when my son finishes Juzz 3ma and i invite his Quran class to my house for his Quran party 🥹❤️



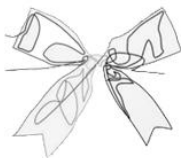
This is my kind of party right here! Please invite me if any of your daughter / son / sister / aunt / female cousin / any Sister you know has a Quran party, coz I'm inviting myself and I'll bring drinks. :P

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## Something to Ponder

Don't expect days  
of *ghafla* to yield  
nights of *dzikr*.  
Plant your seeds  
during the day;  
you will collect  
your gifts at night.

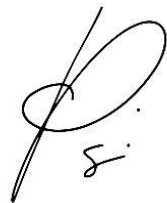
*Sheikh Muhammad al-Ninowy*



When I came across this quote, it felt like I've been slapped a million times. How do I expect to wake up for Tahajjud at night and be on time for Fajr when my days were spent... mindlessly? I've been trying to be more careful with how I spend my mornings now, and Subhanallah, with just a little bit of effort on my part and a whole lot of Mercy and

Guidance from Him, I've seen a tremendous difference in the quality of my nights! Challenge yourself to make tiny, gradual productive changes in your day with the intention that you want to spend more one on one time with Him, and see how He truly helps you make that Tahajjud dream a reality!

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ending it with His Words

### Quran 7:42

As for those who believe and do good—We never require of any soul more than what it can afford—it is they who will be the residents of Paradise. They will be there forever.

Keep Trying!

Keep Believing!

(If you want some soul therapy, come join us @ [our weekly Quran Tadarus!](#))

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

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