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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

The wrong love makes
you wonder where
Allah is. But **the right
love** makes you feel
Him everywhere.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

Today, my heart felt called to reflect on love - perhaps it's because I've been spending more time at home with people who are dear to me, i.e. my family and friends, maybe it's because of this week's TKV Class on Selawat where Ustazah Huraidah beautifully shared just how much Rasulullah SAW loves us (gotta listen to it, Champs, it's such a beautiful class!), or maybe it's all of the wonderful conversations that I've been having with companions and strangers alike that somehow always centres around love, relationships, and I guess, life in general.

To be honest, I am still learning what love is, but I think I have a pretty good idea of what love is ***not***.

True love does not judge, it does not weigh heavy with guilt or doubts, and neither does it come with frustration or confusion. It does not question nor *make you question* your worth, and it does not expect, force, overwhelm nor underwhelm. It is just perfectly balanced. Most of all, true love should never pull you away from Allah SWT because Allah SWT is ***the*** Source of all Love, so if someone or something removes you from al-Wadud, the Origin of Love itself, then something is wrong somewhere.

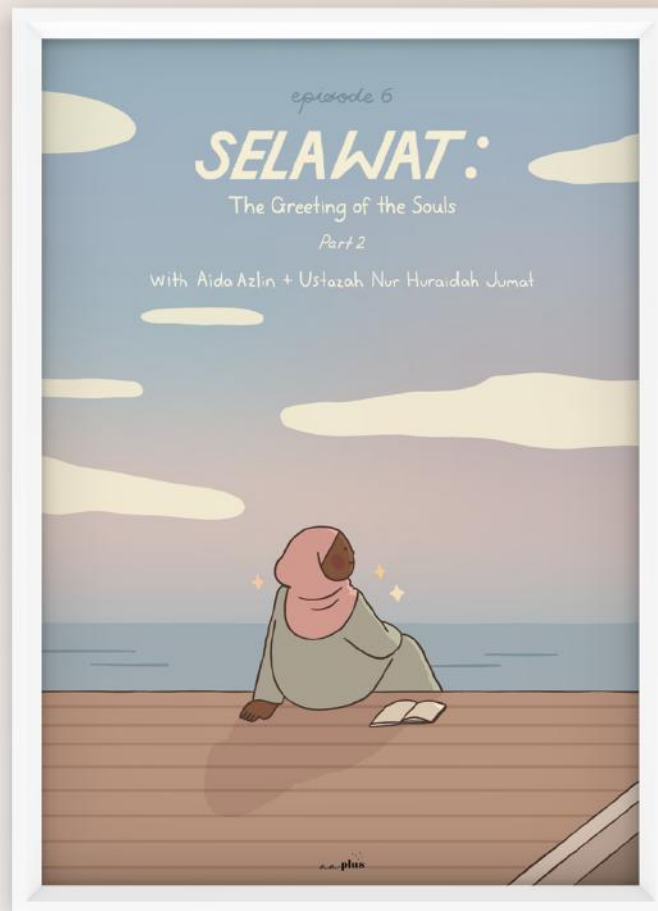
Allah SWT knows all of the different kinds of love that we need to thrive as a soul - the love for Rasulullah SAW, the love for Quran, the love for our parents and teachers, the love for our spouses and children, the love for humanity and life itself, and the list goes on - but all love should always start and end with Him. Because when He is out of the equation, then everything crumbles.

Love isn't love when you leave Allah SWT out.

This is important for us to remember because any other love that is not for His sake will drown us. It will exhaust us. And I do not wish for that on anyone, let alone on you, my dearest Champs whom I love so very dearly. Love should nourish and protect you, not suck you dry and leave you hurt.

So Champs, today I pray may Allah SWT grant us the clarity to see love as love, to love as we should love, and to remove everything else that does not stem from it. May Allah SWT continue to bless us with people who only love us for His sake, and may we carry out our roles as His Khalifah with only His Love powering us, Amin.

This week on aa plus



Study Date Asia: Thu, 10 March, 9pm SG
Study Date ROTW: Sun, 13 March, 7.30pm UK

Champs, in the second part of the final episode of this "not-basic-but-epic" series, we continue to learn about the Selawat and how it is an action that not only Allah SWT Himself does, but how the Angels also follow suit! The command for the believers to send Salawat to the Prophet SAW then ensued in the very same Ayah in the Quran, and thus starts the beginning of a beautiful life story that revolves around Allah SWT, His Beloved, Rasulullah SAW, the angels, and us! In this lesson, we will also learn in-depth about the "Mother of all Selawats"

(we recite it every day, guess which Selawat?) its meanings, context and history, and the very beautiful reason why our Prophet SAW taught it to us. **(His reason will make you cry)** PS: It is important that you listen to Part 1 of this Class first to better understand the concepts as there is a structure to follow this lesson.

Listen to the Class Here

Join Study Date Here

PS: We highly recommend you to join the Study Dates, but if you can't, try to follow the Class with the [PDF Notes!](#) ❤️

a beautiful Dua

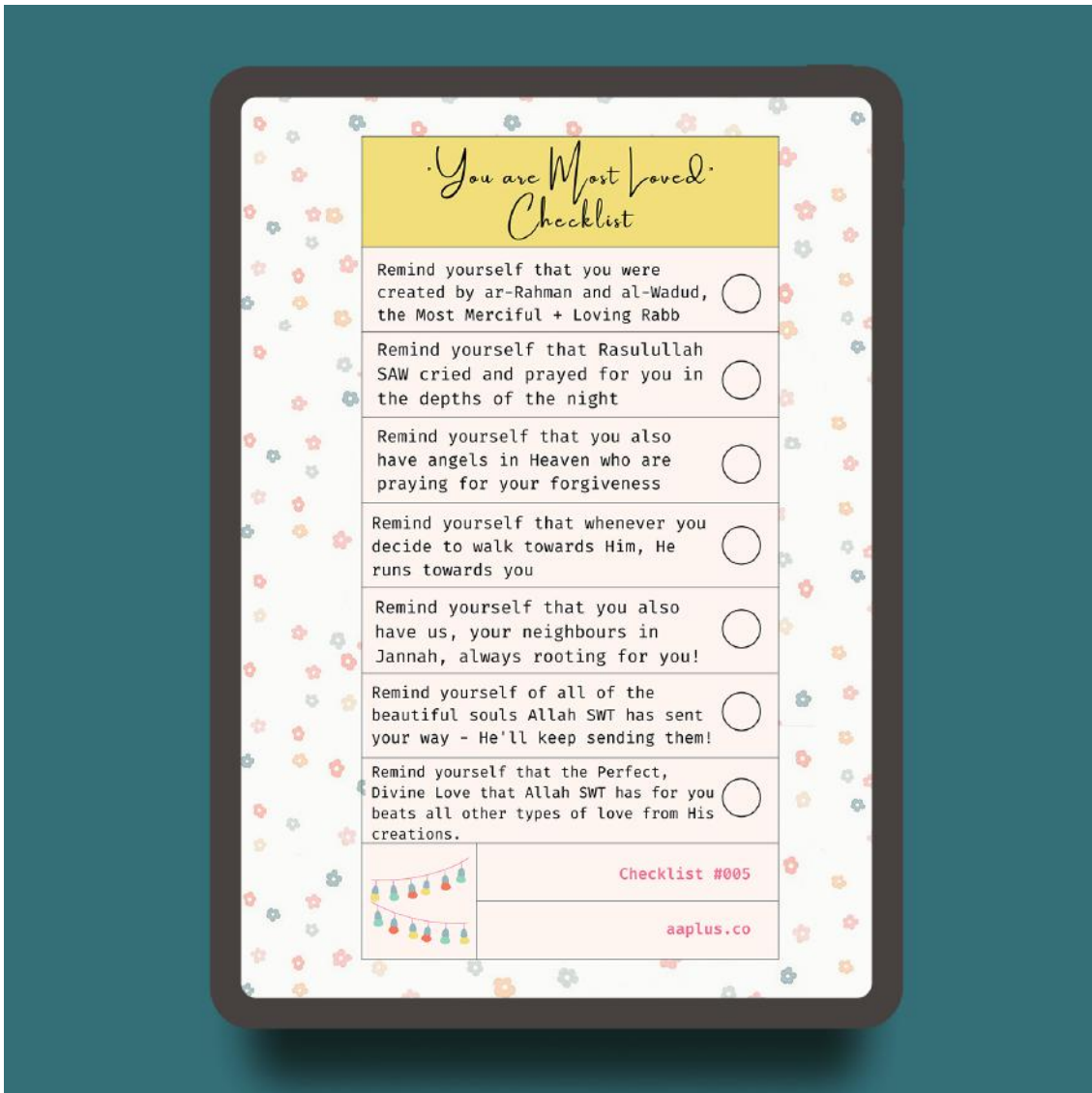
Ya Allah, please purify,
clean and scrub our hearts,
and remove anything that
pull us away from You and
Your love. Replace all that
is dark within it with the
Light of Rasulullah SAW
instead.

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#abeautifuldua

I read a quote a few days ago that shook my heart: **"The clean-hearted will always win in the end."** It made me question how "clean" my heart is, what have I been staining it with, and when was the last time I made a dua for Allah SWT to help me purify, scrub, and cleanse it. Ever since then, I have been pairing my Selawat with this Dua. May Allah SWT help us protect this heart of ours, the essence of our existence, the lifeline that should only be concerned with glorifying and remembering Him, and to take our hearts only when it is at the most purified state, Amin.

The checklist



I did this checklist with the sole intention to remind us that we are so, so, so loved. This will definitely come in handy for nights when I am PMS-ing, for times when I can feel the claws of loneliness creeping in, and for whenever I am down and being hard on myself. I hope this will be of benefit to you too, please feel free to share it with friends and family! May we always remember that we were chosen by Allah SWT to be from the Ummah of Love! ❤️

[Download Checklist Here](#)

ramadan sneak peek



If you only know just how excited my team and I are to spend Ramadan this year with all of you, In Sha Allah!!!! Here's a little sneak peek of our visual moodboard for our Ramadan plans - we have programs and activities that will In Sha Allah, give all of us a much-needed "spiritual spa" for our souls. I will be sharing more over the next few Closer emails, so I hope you keep your eyes peeled, but in the

meantime, please make Dua that Allah SWT accepts it from all of us and that He guides us throughout the whole process so that we can serve you as best as we can this Ramadan, In Sha Allah!

Bismillah for Ramadan!

Muslim Meme



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When you recite Dua before every journey,



I've been driving a lot more since I came back home to Singapore, and this is EXACTLY how I imagined my car to be when I recite Ayatul Kursi before I drive off! 😂😂😂😂

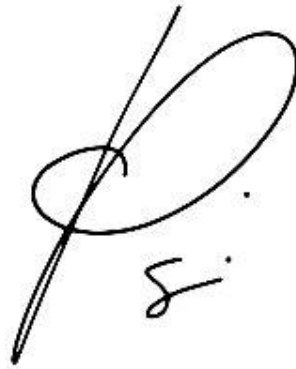
Something to Ponder

Champs

Worry is a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but takes you nowhere.

During our ROTW Tadarus this week, our fellow Champ, Ainna Jawaher, shared this beautiful quote which perfectly sums up how

unproductive worrying is! I needed to read this over and over again because I remember wasting my energy worrying about something so silly the past couple of days that I remember zoning out during a conversation I was having with my mom. Now that I think about it, most of the things I worry about is truly so far-fetched and random, that I now feel like an idiot for overthinking about it all 😂😂😂. May we shift the time and energy that we waste on worrying, to seeking His Help and taking guided actions instead! Let's all get off the "worry-rocking-chair" before we accidentally "fall asleep" and miss the signs and blessings that Allah SWT is constantly showering us! ✌️

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a smaller, more intricate flourish.

(ending it with His words)

*Click for
Ayah #1*

**Click for
Ayah #2**

*These are just two of the Ayahs that were chosen by some of the ROTW Champs to reflect on from Juzuk 28. I still can't put a finger as to what it was, but this week's ROTW Tadarus was a very cosy and intimate affair, with some of the best discussions on love, marriage and female empowerment from the Islamic perspective. We also had the call during "International Women's Day" so I thought the discussion was pretty apt! ❤️ **If you need some girl-talk to accompany you today, do request for the ROTW Playback!***

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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