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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

If you are interested,
you'll do what is
convenient. But if you
are committed, you'll
do whatever it takes.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

There are very few things that I consider very attractive in this world, and two of them starts with the letter C. It's not cash nor Chanel bags, but it's **Consistency and Commitment**. It is very very difficult to be

consistent, so when one is, then it shows that one cares. And when one cares, one is more likely to commit; which is another trait that I highly value and appreciate.

When one is committed, one chooses the temporary pain of discipline over the everlasting pain of regret. When one is committed, one will look for a solution when being confronted with a challenge, instead of searching for an easy way out.

In essence, to be fully committed is to fully love.

With Allah's immense Help, I do consider myself fairly consistent, Alhamdulillah, but when I was reflecting if I am committed... I doubted myself a little. Yes, I am happily married, and therefore yes, in that sense, I am committed to someone. **But I was thinking more towards being committed to the noble pursuit of self-betterment and of being Allah's sincere servant.**

How committed am I to serve Him?

Will I choose sleep over Tahajjud? Will I choose the Quran over Netflix? Will I choose charity over online shopping? Will I choose everything that pleases Him over my Nafs?

Last week, after we [re-learned what our Shahadah means](#), I made a promise to be fully committed to being His grateful servant. Yes, I am aware that I am weak, flawed and is more than susceptible to sin, but **being committed means I want to try my very best to choose Allah SWT over anything else, one day at a time.** I want to be committed to my Beloved, to the One and Only, for it is only His Love that is sacred and forever.

Champs, may we commit to this Deen wholeheartedly, and not just pick and choose practices that are only "convenient" for us. May Allah SWT grant us the sweetness of being close to Him by giving us the strength, the discipline and the joy of committing to our journey of being a better version of ourselves every day, Amin!

this week on aa plus



Study Date Asia: Thu, 17 Feb, 9pm SG
Study Date ROTW: Sun, 20 Feb, 7.30pm UK

GUYS! I don't ask for much from you guys (I sound like a real Asian Mom right now 😂😂😂) but if there's one thing I'd hope you'd do for your own sake, it's to listen to this week's TKV or better still, come to Study Date this week! **I am in LOVE with this Class** and it has completely shifted my relationship with Istighfar. If you are like me, and only associate Istighfar with words such as "sins", "unworthy", "bad", "*imessedupbigtime*" etc etc, then this lesson with Ustazah Huraidah will change everything for you! We will learn about the power of Istighfar and how it is a miracle that will open doors of goodness in our lives. We will also discover the different meanings of Allah's Names with regards to His Forgiveness, and how despite our

frequent sinning, He loves to forgive us over and over again. **PS:** Ustazah Huraidah shares a very practical and beautiful "Istighfar activity" that we can practice daily in this class too!

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 grant
us clarity, answers,
ease, openings, safety,
and protect every
single step for us Ya
Muhaimin, for You see
and hear everything,
but we dont.

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#abeautifuldua

This past week, COVID cases in Singapore are rapidly increasing and almost everyone I know is either mentally fatigued or physically ill. :(When things get too exhausting, and the end of the tunnel seems to be no where in sight, the best thing we can do is to turn to the only One who hold all answers and all power, and seek His Divine Help. This Dua and His Name, [al-Muhaimin](#), has been on my lips ever since I've been home, and every single one of you Champs are in my Duas too! I know it's tough, but hang in there ok? Never doubt that ar-Rahman and ar-Rahim are ever-watching, so He knows just how much you are trying to show up everyday. Hold on to the rope of Allah and take comfort in the fact that you will definitely be handsomely rewarded for all that you are patiently enduring, In Sha Allah! ***hugs***

The Checklist



Decided to do a checklist for my "road to Self-Betterment" journey when I made the intention to be more committed and I thought I'd share it with you! Feel free to share it amongst your friends and family if you think it will be of benefit! ❤️ (I need to drill point #2 in my head so that I stay focus in this marathon!)

[Download Checklist Here](#)

specially created for you



SO SO SO EXCITED to share with you Champs that Volume II of our **Mixtape for the Soul** is out! Featuring some of your favourite recitors and girl-crushes, this edition is filled with your go-to Zikirs, Selawats, and Surahs. We even have the whole Juz Amma on it featuring our Champs from Indonesia (🇮🇩 REPRESENT!) Ma Sha Allah! I wrote today's Closer email listening to it, and AHHHH THE VIBES! I pray may it bring you peace and tranquility and please make dua for every single Champ who dedicated their time and effort to record this for you, including my teammates who worked hard on it!

PS: Please ensure you are listening to these tracks in the privacy of your space without any male presence, out of respect to our recitors.

Listen to AA Plus Mixtape Vol 2 Here!

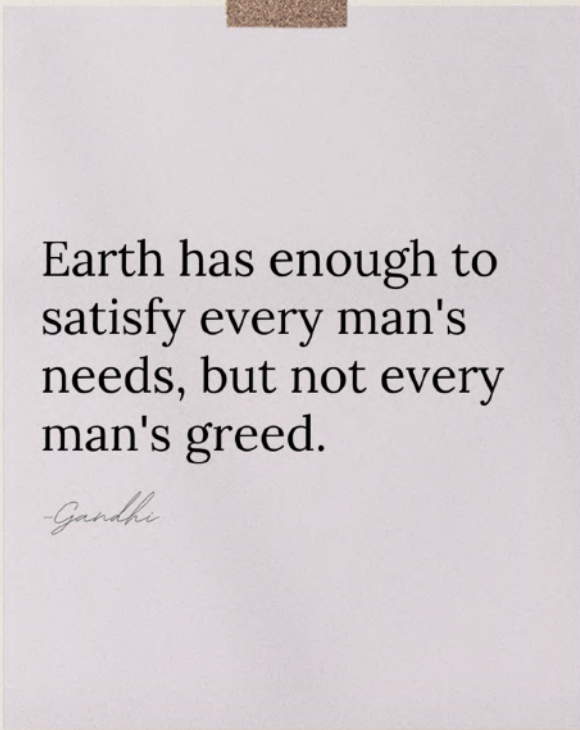
(In case you are wondering, [here's Vol I](#))

Muslim Meme



Truth right here! 🏆 May the angels in the Heavens know every 👏 single 👏 one 👏 you 👏 Champs by name, Amin Amin Amin!

Something to Ponder

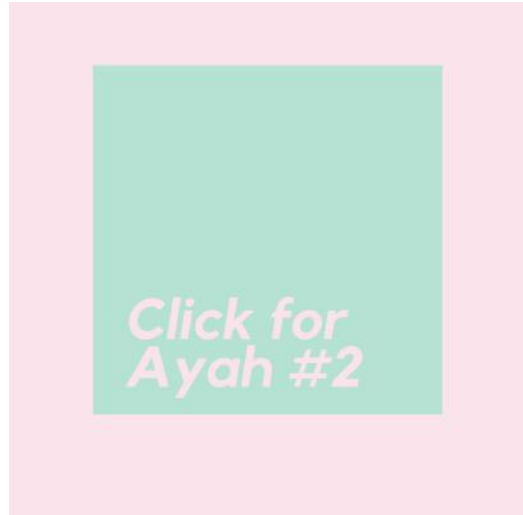


Earth has enough to
satisfy every man's
needs, but not every
man's greed.

-Gandhi

Many have said that greed is the root of all problems in this world and in this time where our senses are constantly "assaulted" with material abundance, it's difficult to see that **we actually have more than enough**. When I read this quote by Gandhi, I remembered Ustazah Huraidah's Class on [Alhamdulillah](#) where she mentioned that Allah SWT has taken care of us to the utmost perfection, but we are rarely grateful. :(May we catch ourselves fast enough before we drown in the sea of "wants" and may Alhamdulillah be our "lifejackets". There's always enough cake to go around, Champs. ❤️ This quote also reminded me of this [previous love letter](#) that I wrote and [this Video that I did](#) on this topic - I guess I must be constantly in need of these reminders myself as Allah SWT is always sending them my way. 😊

(ending it with His words)



*These Ayahs were chosen by some of the Champs to reflect on from Juzuk 26, which we covered together during our very first ever "blackout" Tadarus this week. ❤️ **PS: If you've never attended Tadarus, [here's an example of the kinds of gems that the Champs share during the Calls!](#)***

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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