



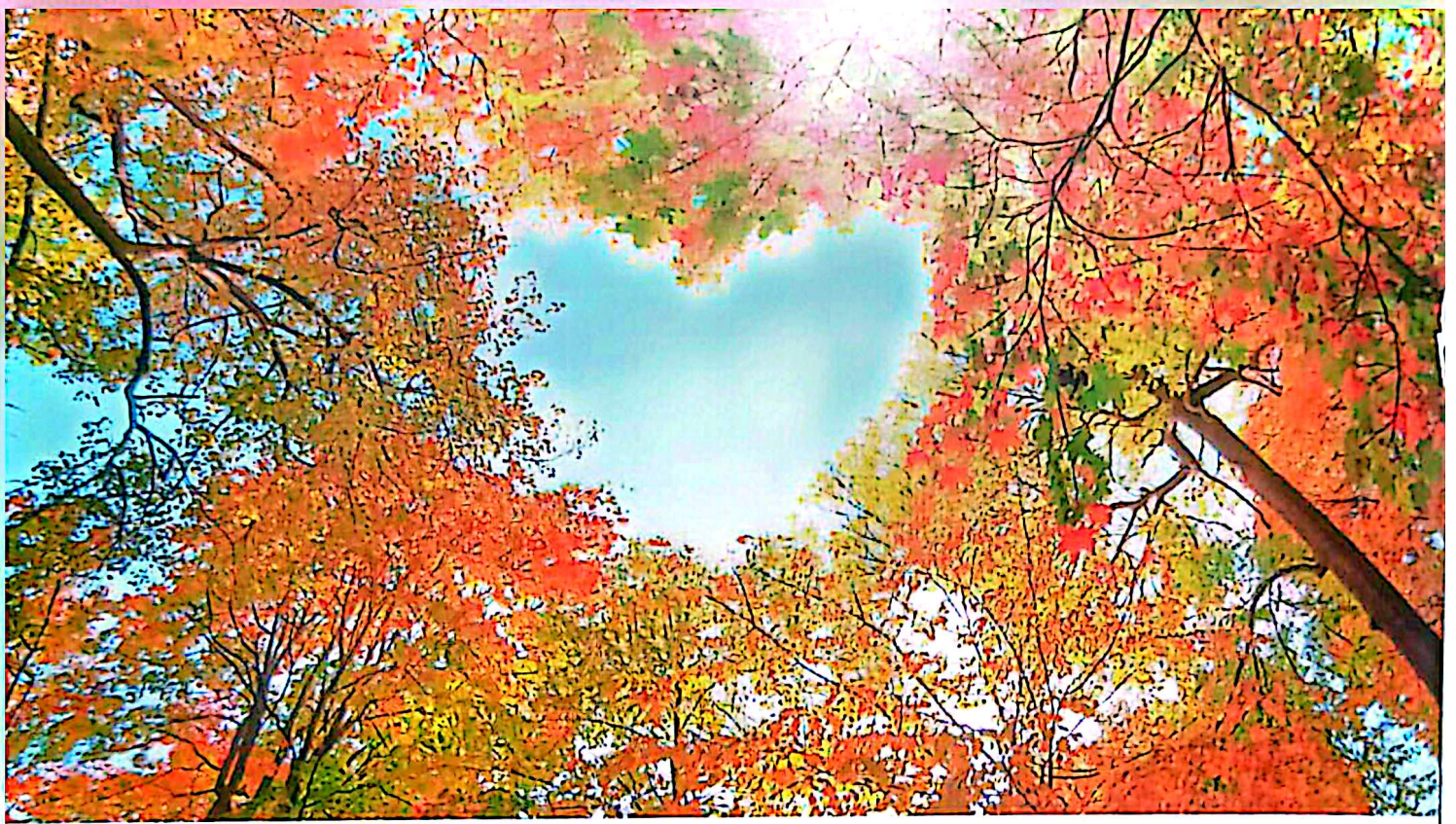
Unlocking
Realities of

الشكر

Gratitude

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Difference between Shukr and Hamd

- Ash Shukr means "thanks only", done with all three faculties (heart, tongue & actions). It should not be done in calamities.
- Hamd is "praise" as well as "thanks" done only by tongue. It is done in calamities also.

Thank you

Meaning and Importance of Ash Shukr:

Importance of Ash Shukr:

1. It is part of **Tawhid** (توحيد) / (Eemaan (إيمان)).
2. It is part of **Worship** (عبادة) and rather it is worship in itself.
3. It is means of building **Relationship** (تعلق) with Allah.

Meaning of Ash - Shukr

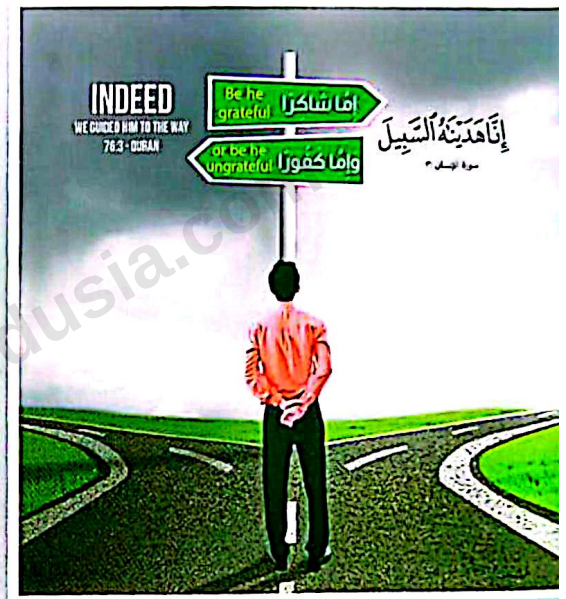
Literal definition: (to pay back, to give back, to return)

Shukr = Thanks, or gratitude means reciprocating (returning, repaying) kindness or favors by saying, doing, appreciating and giving praise to the one who has done good and kind things.

Allah has made us such that we have a choice to do both either thank Him or not.

﴿إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِرًا وَإِمَّا كَفُورًا﴾

Verily, We showed him the way, whether he be grateful or ungrateful. (76:3).



Reasons of being Grateful:

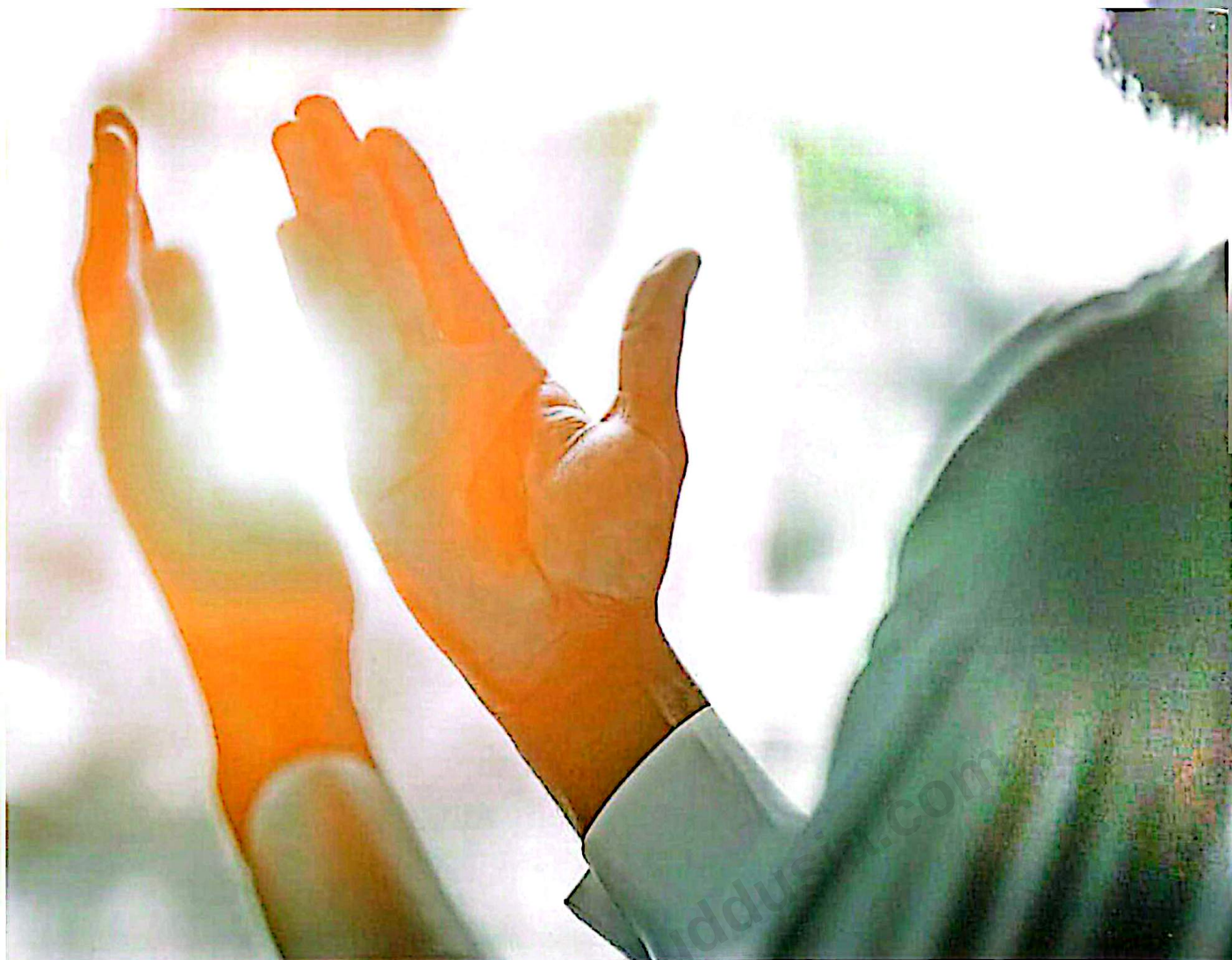
Why we need to thank Allah?

Reasons:

1. It is the command of Allah.

﴿فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ﴾

Therefore remember Me. I will remember you, and be grateful to Me and never be ungrateful to Me. (2:152)



Terminology

Ash Shukr (الشكر)

= Gratitude = Thankfulness = gratefulness = appreciation

- **Shukr Guzaar** (شکر گزار) / is a person who is grateful / thankful
- **Shakir** (شاكر) / **Shakoor** (شكور) = Extremely grateful person / **Ihsaan mandh** (احسان مند)
- **(Shakir** (شاكر) / **Shakoor** (شكور) = If it is used for Allah then it means "The Most Appreciative"

- Na shukra (ناشکرا) / Ihsaan faramosh (احسان فراموش) = person who is ungrateful / thankless
- Naa shukra pan (ناشکرا پن) = being ungrateful / thanklessness / showing ingratitude

Hamd (حمد) / madh (مدح) / sanaa (ثنا)

= Praise / praising &/or thankful / thankfulness

- Al Hamdulillah (الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ) = All and every praise is for Allah.
- Lillahil Hamd (لِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ) = praise only for Allah.

Hamd is a noun not a verb so it is not person or time bound so Allah is praised always and all the time.

Kufr(کفر)

= Opposite of Shukr in Qura'n is usually termed as Kufr(کفر)

- Kufr (کفر) means to hide/deny/reject the truth
- In urdu we also use the term **Kufraan e Naimat**(کفران نعمت)

