

وَإِذِ اسْتَسْقَىٰ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ فَقُلْنَا اضْرِب بِعُصَاكَ الْحَجَرَ ۖ فَانفَجَرَتْ مَنْهُ اثْنَتَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا ۗ قَدْ عَلَمَ كُلُّ أَنَاسٍ مَشْرَبَهُمْ ۚ كُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا مِن رِزْقِ اللهِ وَلَا تَعْثُواْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ And [recall] when Musa prayed for water for his people, so We said, "Strike with your staff the stone." And there gushed forth from it twelve springs, and every people knew its watering place. "Eat and drink from the provision of Allah, and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption." سورة البقرة سورة البقرة 2:60

It was a favour of Allah, full of wisdom, that He sent 12 springs, the exact number of the tribes of the Bani Israeel.

Obey the commands of Allah, even if they make no sense to you. Strike the stone, shake the date palm tree. These seemingly illogical actions will lead to things you cannot imagine.

The Bani Israeel got their food and water without any struggle or difficulties. Each tribe knew their spring, and this made them organized, making a boundary between each one. There was no transgression or oppression. When there are no boundaries, there is an overlap, and this leads to confusion.

Rules for Life from the Quraan

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وَيْعِلُهُ لِٰكُ أَلَاكُ مَشْرِيْهُمُ every péople knew its watering place 2:60

This is an indirect message. The ayah came for the Bani Israeel. The ayaat of the Qura'an may be specifically for a certain group, but we can apply it to our lives too.

The Bani Israeel asked for water, and Musa عليه السلام searched for it. So Allah told him to strike his staff upon a certain rock. This was the ability of Allah, that from that rock, gushed forth 12 springs, one each for the 12 tribes of the Bani Israeel, each of which belonged to one of the 12 sons of Ya'qub عليه السلام. This was so that there would be no confusion or dispute, or a crowd waiting for the water.

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This principle shows the wisdom of Allah, it made the Bani Israeel organized without even trying. It teaches the

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one who reflects upon this principle how to approach a matter with balance and moderation. This is the Qura'an, with such vast meanings and manifestations. This ayah is not just part of the story. If your life is organized, you will be so efficient with your time.

قُلْ كُلُّ يَعْمَلُ عَلَىٰ شَاكِلَتِهِ فَرَبُّكُمْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ هُوَ أَهْدَىٰ سَبِيلًا

Say : Each works according to his manner, but your Lord is most knowing of who is best guided in way. سورة الإسراء

17:84

Everyone will work according to what he has been created to do, according to the talents which are given to him. One person cannot do everything. Look at the animals' the birds and bees and ants all are created differently and all

have their own jobs to do. No one can do the work of another. You need to do what you are good at. This will create an organized society, and improve the efficiency. The boundaries must be clear.

We are all different, with different natures and abilities. Everyone must work in their fields of expertise. A doctor

cannot do the work of an engineer. We are all different pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, which, when fit together, complete a beautiful picture. Don't compete with each other, or your efforts will be wasted.

اعملوا فكل ميسر لما خلق له

Carry on working. Every one will find it easy to do such deeds for which he has been created.

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It is important to know your talent, and it is the job of the nurturer of your life to guide you to it, be it a mother or a teacher or a da'ee. You must know where your strength lies. With time, Allah will show you what talent He has gifted you with. Everyone is unique in their own right.

In the same way, everyone has a strength in different forms of worship. One person may be able to pray, another to fast. This is not concerning the obligatory worship, which you must do, but anything extra. Focus on it, and your productivity will increase. Do everything with ihsan. This will benefit the society too.

Everyone is on a different level. If you focus on your field, you will be more productive. The Messenger of Allah ملى الله عليه وسلم and the Sahabah applied this rule. Appreciate whatever Allah opens for you, it is the best for you. All the good deeds cannot be opened for one person. So increase in the things which have been opened for you, those that you excel in, and don't be ungrateful.

If you don't apply this rule, you will waste your energy in unnecessary struggle and jealousy. With time and knowledge, you will find yourself. Allah loves you to work with excellence, ihsan, and completion. No one is useless, we are all important to complete the beautiful picture.