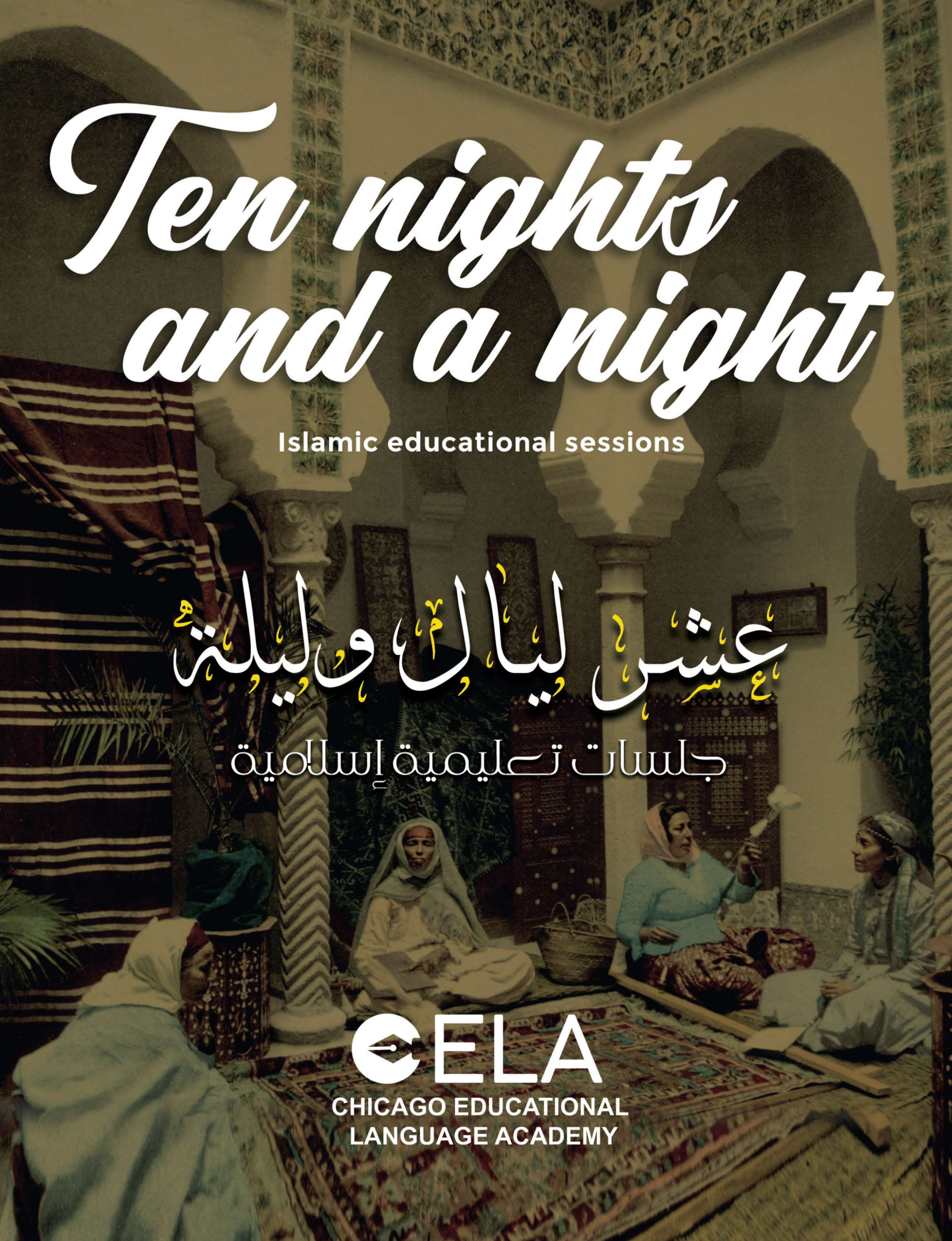

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مَـعَ بَراعِمِ الإيمـانِ.... مَـعَ مَلَائكـةِ الرَّحْمَنِ.... مَـعَ الشَّـبَابِ.. إذَا تَكَلَّمَ أَسْمَعَ.. وإذَا نَظَرَ عَبَّرَ.

هَادِيًا كالشُّعَاعِ.... زَاخِرًا كالنَّهَرِ....

رَحْبًا كالأُفُقِ.... خَصِيبًا كالوَادِي.....

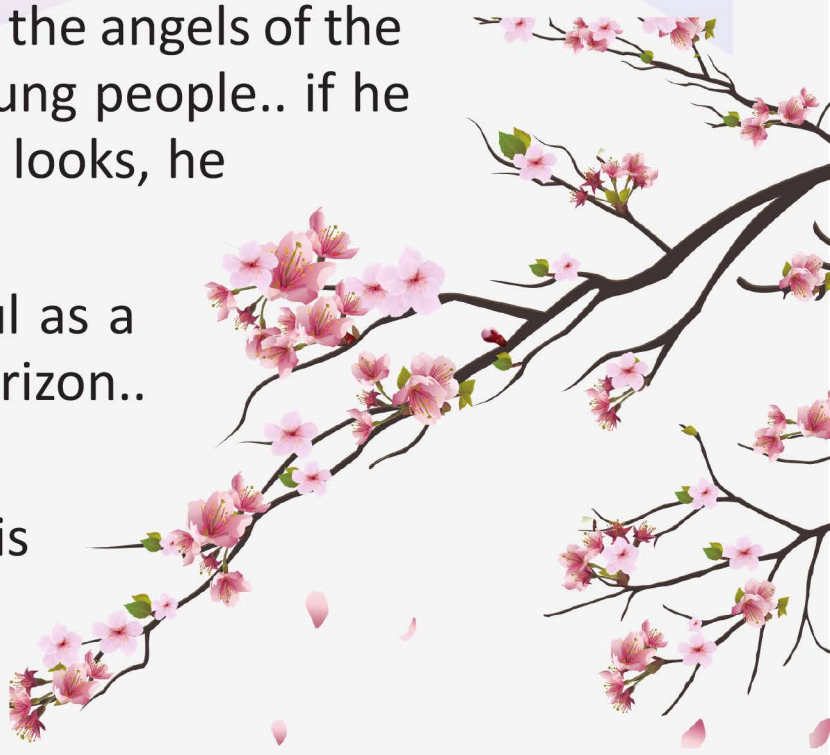
طَاقَتُهُ في الإسلامِ لا تَنْضُبُ؛ كَأَنَّ وَرَاءَها مَدَدًا مِنَ الرَّحمَنِ.... يَرْفِدُهَا مِنْ سِرِّ الخُلُودِ.... مِنْ رَوْحِ اللهِ.

يَلْتَفُّ حَوْلَـه تَلَامِيذُهُ كُلَّ لَيْلَـةٍ.... عِنْدَئِذٍ تَتَفَتَّحُ أبوابُ قَلْبِـهِ، ويَنْطَلِقُ مِنْهَا سُرُورُهُ.... جَاءُوا إليْـه يَستَفْهِمُونَ، ومِنَ الدِّينِ يَنْهَلُونَ.. وجَمَعَهُمُ الحُبُّ فـي اللهِ، الَّذِي فِيـهِ يَعِيشُونَ.

As if he was consecrated for doing good work.. he gave himself to please human beings. He sees himself with them... you cannot get enough of his company..

His company is as pure as goodness.. as serene as angels.. people see him as a fertile broad life.. he is living with them the best days of his life.

With the buds of faith.. with the angels of the Most Merciful.. with the young people.. if he talks, he will be heard. If he looks, he expresses.



Guiding as a beam.. fruitrful as a river.. open-hearted as a horizon.. fertile as a valley...

His energy in Islam is inexhaustible, as if it is supported by a relief from the Most Merciful and supplemented by the secret of immortality.. by the spirit of Allah..

Every night his students gather around him.. at that time, the doors of his heart open, and his pleasure is released from those doors.. they came to him questioning and drawing on religion.. they were united by the love for Allah, in which they are living.

هُوَ يُعْطِي مَا يُنِيرُ الطَّرِيقَ، ويُصْلِحُ النَّفْسَ، ويَصِلُ الرَّحِمَ.. وقَوْلُه الدَّائِمُ....

(الطَّرِيقُ طَوِيلٌ، والزَّادُ قَلِيلٌ، وحَانَ وَقْتُ الرَّحِيلِ؛ فهَلْ مِنْ مُعِينٍ؟)

ونَظَرَ إلى تَلَامِيذِهِ بعطْفٍ وحنَانٍ، والذينَ كَانُوا بالقُرْبِ مِنْه شَاهَدُوا الدَّمْعَ يَتَسَاقَطُ علَى لِحْيَتِهِ البَيْضَاءِ.

فَنَظَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ بعَيْنَيْنِ تَفِيضَانِ عَطْفًا وحُبًّا وحَنَانًا.

وشَعَرَ عُمَرُ وَعَلِيٌّ (وَكَانَا هُمَا الدَّاعِيَانِ لِلأصدقاءِ كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ علَى مائدةِ الإسلامِ)....

فَقَالَا لَهُ:

أَيَا حَبِيبَ تَلَامِيذِكَ.... عَلَّمْتَنَا أَنَّ قَضَاءَ اللهِ لَا يُرَدُّ، والمُؤْمِنُ باللهِ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهَا أَمَانَةٌ يَجِبُ أَنْ تُرَدَّ إلى صَاحِبِهَا.

He gives what enlightens the path, fixes the soul, and keeps the family ties. He constantly says:

(the road is long and the provision is little. It is the time for leaving. Is there any helper?)

He looked at his students with compassion and tenderness. The ones who were close to him saw tears shedding on his white beard.

He looked at them with eyes full of compassion, love and tenderness.

Omar and Ali (who were the ones who invite the friends every night for the table of Islam) felt that.
Thus,

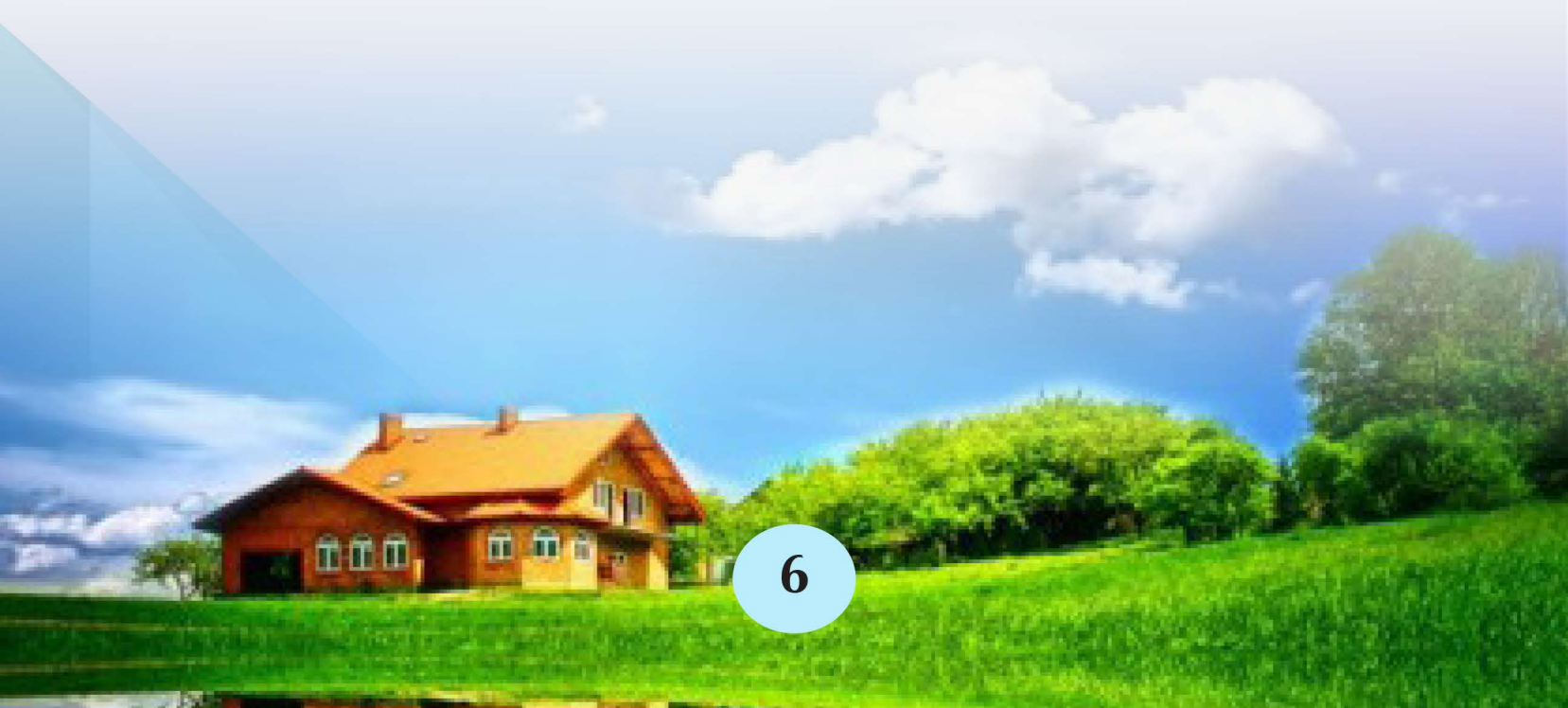
they said to him,

"Oh! Your students' beloved... you taught us that the Act of Allah cannot be prevented and that the believer in Allah knows that it is a trust that should be restituted to its owner.

عَظِيمٌ عَطْفُكَ علَيْنَا، وحُبُّكَ وحَنَانُكَ إلَيْنَا، ولَنْ يَكُونَ حُبُّنَا قَيْدًا يَمْنَعُ قَضَاءَ اللهِ وقَدَرَهُ.

كُلُّ مَا نَطْمَعُ فِيهِ مِنْكَ هُوَ الْجَوَابُ عَمَّا يَدُورُ بِفِكْرِنَا.... وَمَا جِئْنَا لِأَجْلِهِ.

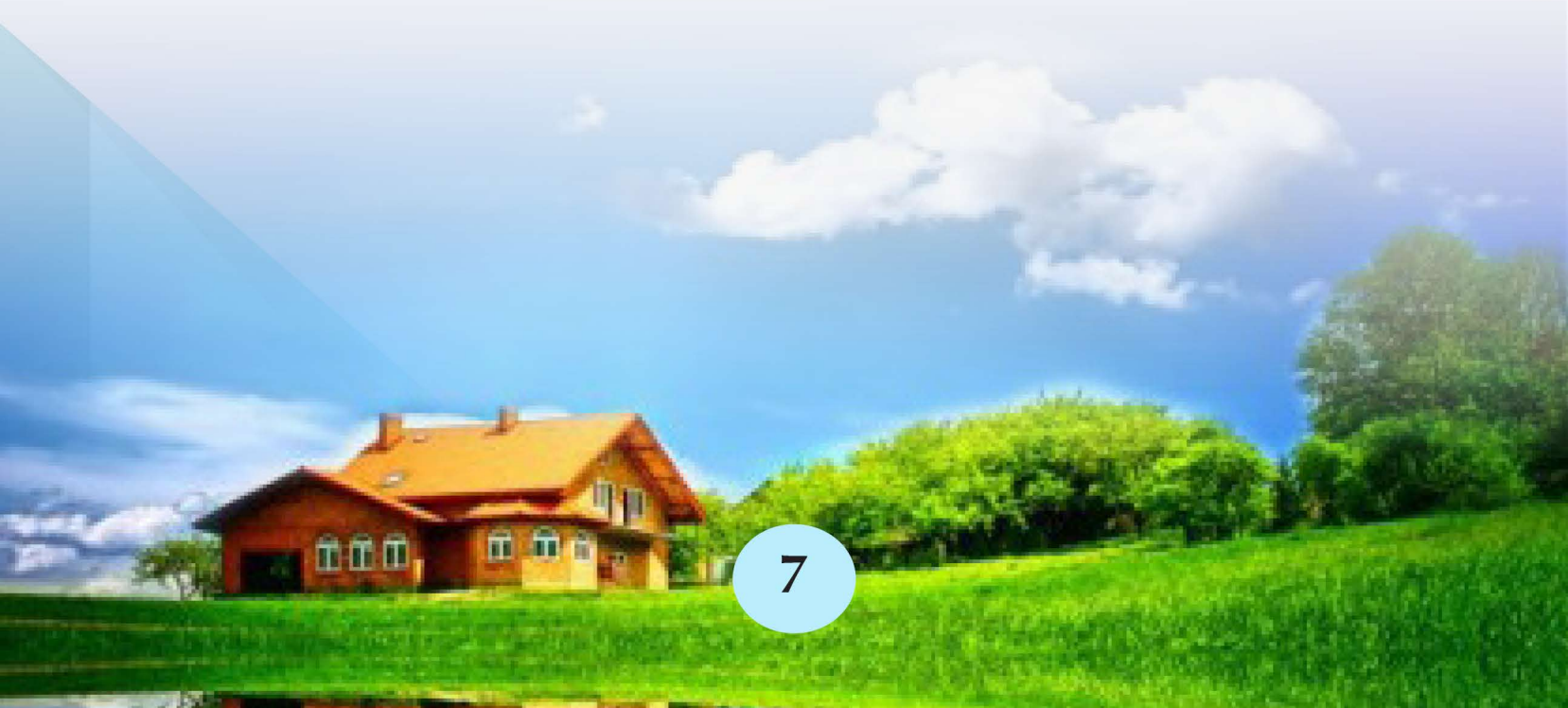
فكَانَ جَوَابُهُ.... هَاتُوا مَا عِنْدَكُمْ، ولَكُمْ مَا سَأَلْتُمْ.



Your compassion, love and tenderness for us are great. Yet, our love will not be a restriction that prevents the Act of Allah.

All what we aspire to is your answer for what is in our minds... and what we came for."

His answer was, "Bring it on and you will get what you are asking for."



أَوَّلًا: الْقُرْآنُ الْكَرِيمُ

عَلِيٌّ: (..... يَا مُعَلِّمُ، نَحْنُ نُحِبُّ القُرآنَ الكَرِيمَ، ونَقْرَأُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بَعْضًا مِنْ آياتِه؛ لِنَتَقَرَّبَ بِهَا إِلَى اللهِ ﷻ .... ونُرِيدُ أَنْ نَعْرِفَ مَا هِيَ أَوَّلُ سُورةٍ نَزَلَتْ علَى رَسُولِنَا الكَرِيمِ مُحمَّدٍ ﷺ؟

أَجَابَهُ: (سُورَةُ الْعَلَقِ) هَذِهُ أَوَّلُ سُورَةٍ نَزَلَتْ مِنَ القُرآنِ الْكَرِيمِ.

فَقَدْ كَانَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ يَتَعَبَّدُ فِي غَارِ حِرَاءٍ، فَنَزَلَ عَلَيْه الوَحْيُ جِبْرِيلُ عليه السلام بِهَذِهِ السُّورةِ:

﴿ ٱقْرَأْ بِٱسْمِ رَبِّكَ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَ ﴿١﴾ ﴾

هَلْ تَعْرِفُ هَذِهِ السُّورةَ يَا عُمَرُ؟

عُمَرُ: نَعَمْ، وَهِيَ:

First: the Holy Quran

Ali said, "...Oh teacher! We love the Holy Quran and we read some of its verses every day in order to get closer to Almighty Allah. We want to know what is the first surah that was descended on our Holy Prohphet Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him?"

He answered, "(Surat al-Alaq) is the first surah of the Holy Quran that was descended. Prophet- Peace be upon him- was worshiping in the cave of Hira. Then, Gabriel the Revelation- Peace be upon him- came down tohim with this surah: (Read in the name of Thy Lord who created..)

Do you know this surah, Omar?"

Omar answered, "Yes, here it is:"