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Our Creation, Purpose and Journey: Book 1/4

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Dr. Appy prays that this book touches your heart, and requests that the reward be given to every human with even an ounce of Iman, from the time of Adam (as) until the day of judgement. Ameen.

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Dear Parents

The purpose of this book is as follows:

- 1 Begin to understand the story of humanity and our plight with Shaytan;
- 2 Teach our children that Allah (swt) made us at the top of the food chain, but this status comes with responsibility and accountability;
- 3 Generate a discussion about race, ethnicity, nationality and diversity and how Allah (swt) fashioned us all uniquely, and that no one is better than the other person;
- 4 Instill the understanding that our body consists of two parts the physical and the spiritual. The physical body will return to the soil, whereas the spiritual soul will live eternally in the Hereafter.

I pray this book brings us and our families closer together, and that there is clarity between the body and soul along with how each human is unique, equal and accountable. Ameen.





Jinns lived on Earth before we were created and out of them all, one was elated.²

His name was Iblis and to Allah (swt)
he was dear; when he was allowed to come near,
all the Angels would cheer!



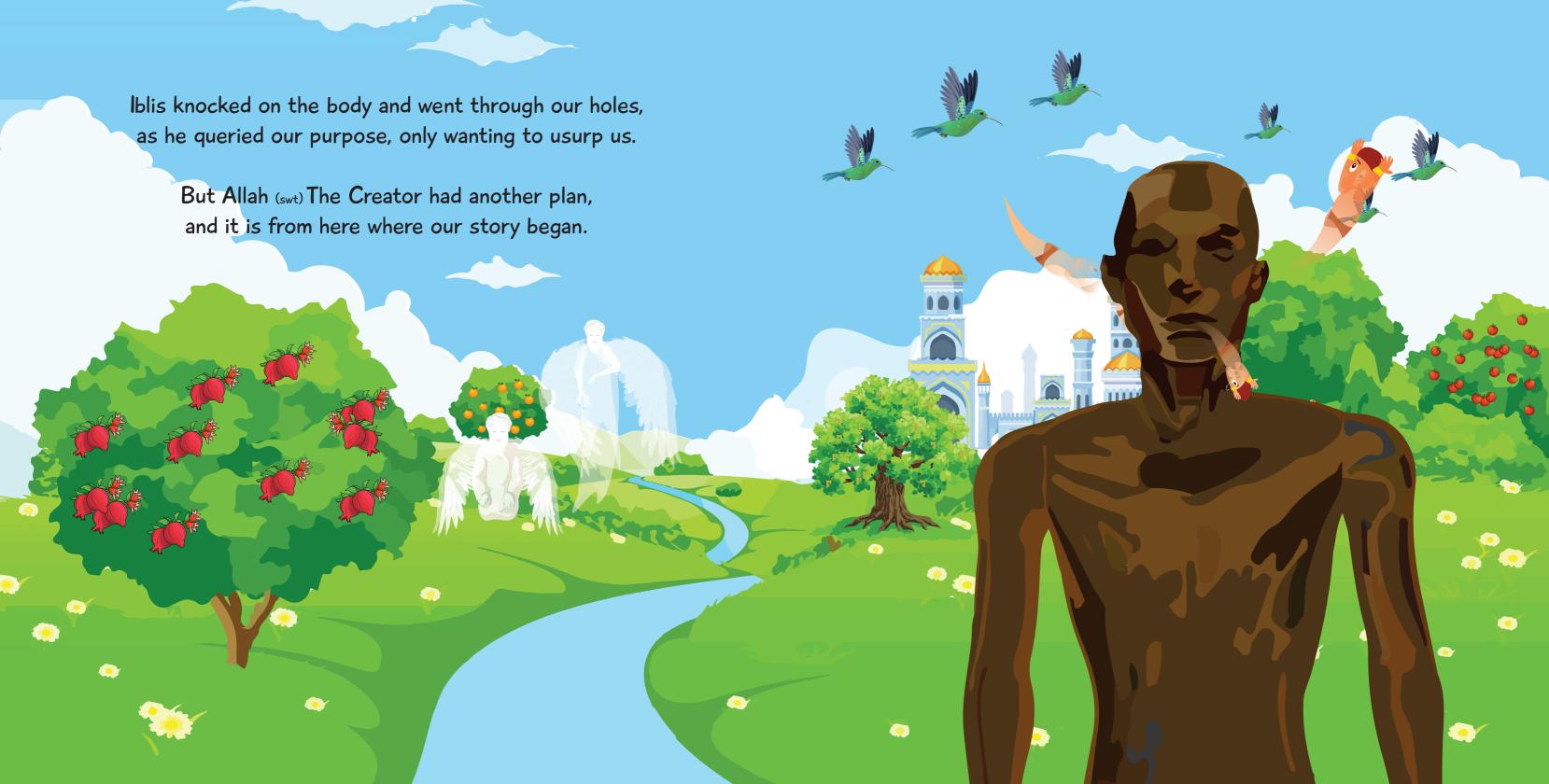


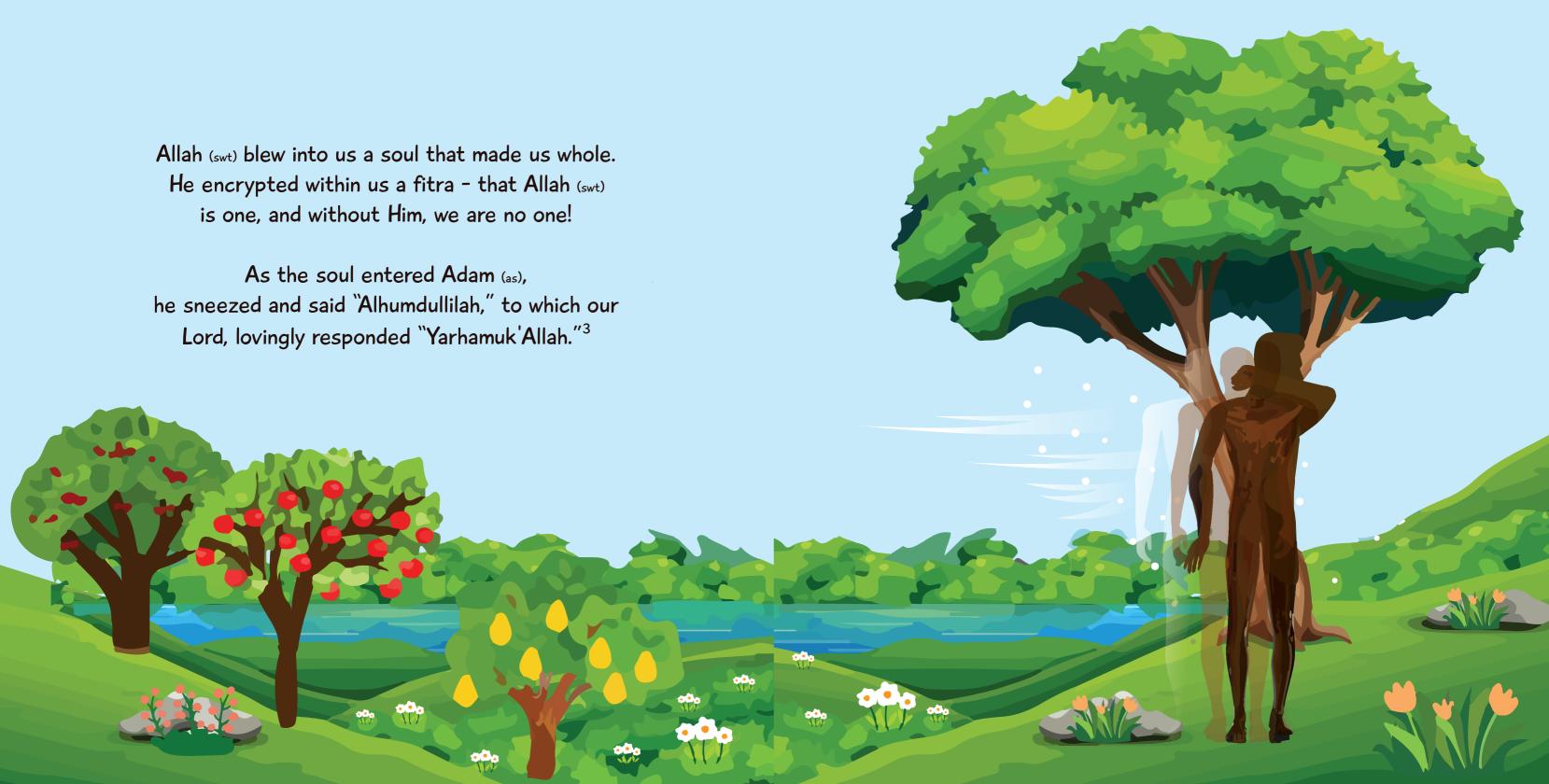
One day Allah (swt) sent an Angel to Earth to gather soil from all the land, for His master plan was to make the first man.



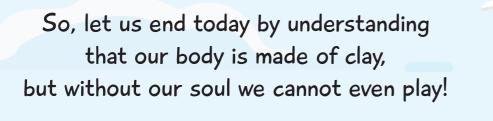
Allah (swt) mixed the soil with water, moulding our father. His name was Adam (as), and the Angels and Iblis just could not fathom.

The body of Adam (as) stood there hollow and strong for four full decades, measuring sixty cubits long. Iblis was intrigued and wanted to play; he felt he was superior and better than clay!









The soul is from Allah (swt) and will continue to live, going back to our Lord, who loves to forgive.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي وَسكِّدْنِي

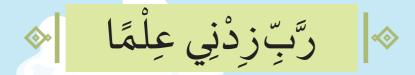
'Allaahummah-dinee wa saddidnee'

"O'Allah, direct me to the right path and make me adhere to the straight path." ⁵

Ameen

We pray you implement these duas and converse with Allah (swt) throughout your day for the rest of your life.

Ameen.



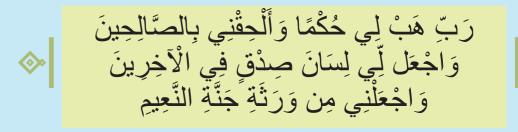
Rabbi zidni ilma

"My Lord, increase me in knowledge." Ameen. (Quran 20:114)

للّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَودِ عُكَ مَا قَرَأْتُ وَمَا حَفِظْتُ وَمَا تَعَلَّمْتُ فَرْدُدُه لِي إِلَيَّ عِنْدَ حَاجَتِي إِلَيْهِ ، وَمَا تَعَلَّمْتُ فَرْدُدُه لِي إِلَيَّ عِنْدَ حَاجَتِي إِلَيْهِ ، إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِير وَحَسْبُنَا اللهُ وَنِعْمَ الوَكِيل

Allahumma inni astaudi'uka ma qara'tu wa ma hafiztu wa ma ta'allamtu, fardudhu li ilayya 'inda haajati, innaka 'ala kulli syai-in qadir, wa hasbunallahu wa ni'mal wakil.

"O Allah! I entrust You with what I have read and what I have memorised and I have studied. Bring it back to me when I am in need of it. Truly you have power over all things. Sufficient for us is Allah, and (He is) the best Disposer of affairs." **Ameen.**



Rabbi habli hukman wa al-hiqni bis salihin, waj-'al li lisana sidqin fil-aakhirin, waj-'alni min waratha-ti jannatin-naa'im.

My Lord! bestow wisdom on me and make me among the righteous. Bless me with honourable mention among later generations and make me one of the inheritors of the Garden of Bliss.

Ameen. (Quran, 26:83-85)



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

(as)	Alayhis-salam means peace be upon him
(ra)	Radi Allahu anhu means Allah (swt) be pleased with him
(swt)	Subhanahu wa ta'ala means the most Glorified, the
	most High
Alhumdullilah	All thanks and praise is to Allah (swt)
Assalam u Alaikum wa	Peace be upon you and Allah's (swt) mercy
Rahmatullah	
Bismillah	In the name of Allah (swt)
Fitra	Innate nature
Iblis	Shaytan/Satan
lman	Faith
Jazak Allah hu Khairan	May Allah (swt) reward you with good
Jinn	Race of beings created from a smokeless fire
Yarhamuk'Allah	May Allah (swt) have mercy on you

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- A'isha (ra) reported that Allah's Messenger (saw) said: The Angels were born out of light and the Jinns were born out of the spark of fire and Adam (as) was born as he has been defined (in the Quran) for you (i. e. he is fashioned out of clay). (Sahih Muslim 2996, Book 55, Hadith 78) "And the jinn, We created aforetime from the smokeless flame of fire." (Quran 15:27).
- Ibn 'Abbas (ra) states, "The first to reside on Earth were the Jinn. They spread corruption and bloodshed in it and killed one another. So Allah sent Iblis with an army of Angels and he fought them until they were forced to settle on islands and mountain tops. Allah (swt) then created Adam (as) and placed him on Earth. Thus, Allah (swt) says, 'I will place upon Earth a successor." (Tafsir Ibn Kathir, Surah: Al Baqarah, Verse: 30).
- Anas bin Malik (ra) said: "Two men sneezed in the presence of the Prophet (saw) and he replied YarhamukAllah (may Allah have mercy on you) to one and not to the other. It was said: 'O Messenger of Allah (saw), two men sneezed in your presence and you replied to one and not to the other?' He said: "This one praised Allah (swt) (said Alhamdulillah after sneezing) but that one did not." (Sahih (Darussalam), Sunan Ibn Majah 3713).
- Allah says, "Verily, man was created very impatient/hasty/greedy/anxious;" Then, Allah explains this statement by saying, "Apprehensive when evil touches him;" meaning, whenever any harm touches him he is frightful, worried and completely taken back due to the severity of his terror and his despair that he will receive any good after it "And suppressive when good touches him." meaning, if he attains any blessing from Allah, he is stingy with it, not sharing it with others. He will withhold the right of Allah with that blessing. Imam Ahmad said that Abu 'Abdur-Rahman informed them that Musa bin 'Ali bin Rabah told them that he heard his father narrating from 'Abdul-Aziz bin Marwan bin Al-Hakim that he heard Abu Hurayrah saying, "The Messenger of Allah said, the worst thing that can be in a man is greedy impatience and unrestrained cowardice. Abu Dawud recorded this Hadith from 'Abdullah bin Al-Jarrah on the authority of Abu 'Abdur-Rahman Al-Muqri', and this is the only Hadith through 'Abdul-Aziz with him. (Quran 70: 19-24, Tafsir Ibn Kathir, Abridged, Volume 10).
- 'Ali (ra) reported that Allah's Messenger (saw) said to him: Say, "O Allah (swt), direct me to the right path and make me adhere to the straight path," and when you make a mention of right guidance, keep in mind the right path and when you consider the straight (path), keep in mind the straightness of the arrow. (Sahih Muslim 2725a; Book 48, Hadith 104)

SYNOPSIS OF STORY

Based on the work of Al Imam ibn Katheer, The Stories of the Prophets

Allah (swt) says to the Angels: "Verily, I am going to place mankind generations after generations on Earth.' They said: 'Will You place therein those who will make mischief therein and shed blood, while we glorify You with praises and thanks and sanctify You.' God said: 'I know that which you do not know." (Quran 2:30).

Angels were sent to Earth to collect the soil that was to become Adam (as). It was red, white, brown, and black; it was soft and malleable, hard and gritty; it came from the mountains and the valleys; from infertile deserts and lush fertile plains and all the natural varieties in between.

The descendants of Adam (as) were destined to be as diverse as the handful of soil from which their ancestor was created; they all have different appearances, attributes and qualities. Allah (swt) says "We created man from sounding clay, from mud moulded into shape..." (Quran 15:26). And, "He began the creation of man from clay, and made his progeny from a quintessence of fluid." (Quran 32:7-8). Thus, human beings have a fundamental attachment to the earth.

Allah (swt) says "Truly I am going to create man from clay. So when I have fashioned him and breathed into him (his) soul created by Me, then you fall down and prostrate to him." (Quran 38:71-72). So Allah (swt) shaped Adam (as) into a human being, but he remained a figure of clay for forty years. Abu Hurairah (ra) states that the Prophet (saw) said, "Allah created Adam, making him 60 cubits tall." It is also stated that this will be our height in Jannah.

The Angels went past him. They were seized with fear by what they saw, and Iblis felt fear the most. He used to pass by the figure of Adam (as), buffeting it and going through our holes, which would make a sound like pottery. Allah told us: "He created man (Adam (as) from sounding clay like the clay of pottery." (Quran 55:14).

When the time drew near to breathe the spirit into Adam (as) as Allah (swt) decreed, He commanded the Angels: "When I breathe My spirit into him, prostrate before him."

Allah (swt) breathed His spirit into Adam (as) and when it reached his head Adam (as) sneezed. The Angels said: "Say all praise belongs to Allah (swt)." Adam (as) repeated "All praise belongs to Allah (swt)." Allah (swt) said to him: "Your Lord has granted you mercy."

When the spirit reached his eyes, Adam (as) looked at the fruits of Paradise. When it reached his abdomen, Adam (as) felt an appetite for food. He jumped hurriedly before the spirit could reach his legs, so that he could eat from the fruits of Paradise. Allah (swt) therefore said: "Man is created of haste." (Quran 21:37).

After this "The Angels prostrated themselves all of them together, except Iblis, he refused to be among the prostrators." (Quran 15:31-32).

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May Allah (swt) accept all our efforts and grant us Jannah with no reckoning.

Ameen.



About the Author

Dr. Appy is a first generation immigrant in North America who has been practicing as a Neuropsychologist for over a decade. She was inspired to write this series due to her observations of how difficult it can be to raise children in this ever-changing world.

Dr. Appy would like to dedicate this book to her family and friends who have always supported and encouraged her, especially her parents. May Allah (swt) bless and guide us all. Ameen.

Dr. Appy genuinely prays to touch the heart of every child until the day of judgement and to assist parents in instilling the love of Allah (swt), along with the morals and etiquettes needed to be an upright Muslim and by default, citizen (Insha'Allah).

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