

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

The Strange Land

It is reported that once someone asked Hadrat Khidr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - about the strangest event he had even seen in his life and he explained, “One of the strangest events I have ever witnessed in my life is that once I was travelling through a completely desolate and barren area. There was no sign of water or life in the entire area. I only returned to that place after five hundred years. However, I was shocked to see that the same desolate and barren area had become a lush and green oasis. I then asked one of the people in the city as to how long this area had been in existence and he replied, “Glory be to Allah! My ancestors and I arrived in this land in the same state in which you see it now.”

Thereafter, another five hundred years passed and I did not go to this place. After this, when I passed the area again, I saw nobody except a large river. There was someone fishing in this river. I then asked him about the city which used to exist in this spot and

he replied, “Glory be to Allah! Was there a city at this spot? This had never been seen by me or my ancestors.”

Thereafter, I only returned to this place five hundred years later and again I saw that it was a lush area which had a large city within it. There is no doubt that this was something which was highly unusual to me and there is no doubt that Glory certainly belongs to Allah Who has no end and no changes.” (Al Qalyubi)