Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. We must not let this Ramadan and its 720 hours be a repeat of the old routine and hollow arbitary actions.

We do not know whether our Fasts, Salah, Hajj or Zakat is accepted, but imagine if the inscription on our gravestones read the truth:

- HERE LIES SOMEONE WHO DID NOT FAST WITH HIS HEART
- HERE LIES SOMEONE WHO DID NOT FAST WITH HIS SENSES
- HERE LIES SOMEONE WHO DID NOT FAST WITH HIS CHARACTER
- HERE LIES SOMEONE WHO DID NOT FAST IN THEIR PRAYERS
- HERE LIES ONE WHO DID NOT FAST FROM BAD COMPANIONSHIP
- HERE LIES ONE WHO DID NOT FAST FOR THE SAKE OF ALLAH

"A blessed month has come to you from Allah. The gates of heaven are opened, the gates of Hellfire are closed and the devils are chained. In it is a night that is better than a thousand months. Thus, whoever is deprived of its good is truly deprived.' (Ahmad)

- This month of Ramadan is no ordinary month. Not merely for fasting or motions, but it marks the **BEGINNING OF ISLAM**.
- The Prophet & would walk to Jabal Noor, reflect for hours before Allah chose this month to mark the beginning of Islam & his journey.
  - "Read in the name of your Lord who created. Created man from a clinging substance. Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous Who taught by the pen Taught man that which he knew not." (96:1-5)
- Knowledge is what frees our mind and soul. Knowledge has the ability to guide and transform a normal person to someone extraordinary.
- MONTH OF SEARCHING, REFLECTION, KNOWLEDGE, QUR'AN, TALKING, REWARDS, GUIDANCE, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, SAVIOUR, LOVE, DISCIPLINE, COMMUNITY, CHARITY, CHOICE & COMPETITION
- Ramadan means to put something under intense pressure and heat to transform something ordinary to extraordinary.

## DUST TO DIAMONDS, ORE TO GOLD, GYM TO PHYSIQUE

You need to push yourself and feel the pressure and heat of Ramadan to truly transform yourself from the inside.

- Every year, we see this remarkable phenomenon around the world of 2 billion Muslims, where believers who didn't recite Qur'an the entire year are now reciting for hours throughout Ramadan.
- Believers who thought voluntary prayers were beyond their capacity are now praying Qiyam every night.
- Believers who neglected calling upon Allah **are now making Du'a** passionately and sincerely.
- Believers who never fasted a single day all year are now fasting the entire month of Ramadan.
- This phenomenon of Ramadan is a proof to all believers and all human beings – THAT CHANGE IS POSSIBLE.
- If you can improve even slightly during Ramadan and gain increased
  Taqwa, then you can certainly change throughout the year.

THE LORD OF RAMADAN IS THE LORD OF THE ENTIRE YEAR, THE LORD OF TIME, AND THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSES.