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- People have long complained about the oppression of the heaven:

*O' thou heavens! All demolitions come from your animosity*

*Oppression is your longstanding practice.*

*O' thou Ground! If your heart were excavated,  
There are many jewels in your heart.*

*-Khayyam*

- Here the heaven, the cosmos and similar terms are metaphorically called the 'Universe.'
- Many people desire to change the universe and the heaven, but feel depressed because they cannot change them.



- These complaints prove that the heaven does not behave according to mankind's wishes, yet people persist in imposing their demands and endless wishes on the universe.
- This useless struggle is one of the factors that **create physical, psycheal and mental diseases.**
- Many have experienced how an unfulfilled wish can create depression and prepare the grounds for other diseases.

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- A '*wish*' refers to a desire that is not practicable at the moment.
- In general, the fulfilment of a will or an earthly wish is a function of the **law of [worldly] effort**, and a person can gain nothing unless he works for it.
- *...that man can have nothing but what he strives for.*



In addition to effort, other factors are required to fulfil a wish:

1. *Principle of achievability*
2. *Principle of no mutual conflict between demands*
3. *Principle of justice*
4. *Principle of no conflict between demands and the laws of the universe*



## 1. Principle of Achievability

- *Achievability* means the chance and possibility of a wish fulfilment that depends on various factors.
- For instance, wishing and wishful thinking cannot make all the classes of a country rich because it is contrary to the principles of economics and banking.



Another example to discuss the [principle of] achievability of wishes:

Throughout history, millions of people wished to travel to the moon and to walk on its surface, but in reality how many had their wish fulfilled? Thus, for the millions of mere wishers, the achievability is zero. However, travelling to the moon might become common in future similar to the dream of flying in the sky that is something commonly achievable today.



## 2. The Principle of No Mutual Conflict Between Desires

- Obviously, it is not possible for all people to achieve all they wish for because many of the individuals' desires conflict with other people's.
- Consider these simple examples. At the same time that a farmer desires rain, others who are heading out on a picnic wish for sunny weather to better enjoy their time out.
- Or people driving at the end of a lane of traffic, moving slowly towards a green traffic light, want the light to remain red for the other roads until they cross the intersection. In conflict, the people stopped behind the red traffic light want it to change quickly to green.
- In both of these examples, the [opposite] desires of the two groups cannot be fulfilled by the heaven.



#### 4. The Principle of No Conflict between Demands and the Laws of the Universe

- The laws relating to the foundation and management of the universe have created an order that cannot be disturbed by any will or wish.
- If fully comprehended, it leads us to never expect it to change as per our personal desires.
- Natural events such as earthquakes, lunar and solar eclipses, lightning, storms, and the like, undoubtedly occur in accord with the universe's laws, and human desire exerts no control on such phenomena.
- Nothing can violate these principles.



## Wishful thinking?!

- Some people ignore these principles and try to popularize **wishful thinking** (desiring our wishes to be fulfilled spontaneously and effortlessly) and introduce the heaven as obedient to the influence of people's words and thoughts.
- Not only are the heaven not appointed to follow human's desires but they always act against a person's persistent entreaties [that contradict the laws of the universe].
- Furthermore, the pest of wishful thinking prevents us from finding solutions, managing, and taking innovative measures.
- It turns us to a wishful thinker that constantly fantasizes about finding a treasure, obtaining huge wealth from the heavens, and the like, and departs us from reality.



## How can earthly wishes be fulfilled?

- Rather than focusing on worldly wishes, they should be set free.
- The thousands of years of human experience show that we should never be enslaved by our wishes. For instance, the phrases ‘come to grief’ or ‘turn up like a bad penny’, reflect the human beings’ [common experience of] disappointment with the fulfilment of issues that they insist on or the things that they try to avoid.
- The heaven react against human beings based on intelligent principles.
- We should not be haunted by our dreams and dictate to the heaven because the consciousness that rules the heaven stands against the fulfilment of such entreaty.

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After briefly skimming one's worldly wishes (which can sometimes be a factor for effective actions) or a brief “**Nazar**”, the mind should be released from them forever as if they never existed.



## What is Nazar?

- Nazar is a 'brief attention' or 'glance'.
- It is a fleeting moment of attention with the purpose of establishing a link or connection to the Interuniversal Consciousness (The collection of awareness or consciousness encompassing the universe)
- We are dealing with an indescribable definition.
- 'Intension' is an inner willing, but Glance is even shorter than intension.
- It is rather instantaneous, even a 'brief attention' is not an appropriate term.

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If after a brief attention (**Nazar**) on our wishes, we clear them from our mind, we will not encourage the heaven and the universe to go against their fulfilment.



## How about spiritual wishes?



Contrary to worldly demands, spiritual wishes should capture the entirety of the individual's existence and mind, and shape them. Because even the human behaviour, speech and thinking eventually take the shape of what we have on our minds.

*If you think about a flower, you are a flower,  
And if you think about a nightingale, you are a nightingale.  
You are a constituent and God is the whole.  
If you think about the whole during the day, you will be the whole.*  
*-Ja'ami*



Thus, how amazing is it for the human being to take the shape of the divine thought instead of a non-spiritual desire. Yet many people have taken a materialistic shape, following nothing but their non-spiritual (worldly) desires.

*So long as you seek jewels, you are a jewel.  
So long as you seek daily bread, you are bread.  
If you realize this secret point you find  
Everything you seek, you are.  
-Molana Rumi*



## Conclusion

- One of the goals of the world of mysticism is for individuals to focus on spiritual desires and constantly think about attaining transcendence and Kamal (spiritual completeness).
- If the sufficient enthusiasm for taking the Kamal pathway emerges in people and if their entirety of existence is captured in that pursuit, their worldly desires that are the cause of dictatorial attitude towards the heaven will eventually vanish.
- Furthermore, when people are symphasic (*Ham-fa'az*) with the heaven (harmony with the universe and perceiving the way of accompanying with it), the individual can completely release their non-spiritual wishes after considering them briefly (*Nazar*).



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