

Those who do not pursue success do not find themselves on the path of divine servitude. In fact, servitude and success are like two interlinked chains; by having one, a person will also attain the other. Denying either divine success or servitude brings about divine abandonment and misfortune.

In our ancient texts, it is mentioned in the prayer for the sixteenth night: "O Allah, glory be to You, there is no god but You. Worship is through Your guidance, and denial is through Your abandonment. You have shown Your signs, and Your changes have manifested. The remnants of the past serve as lessons for the future. Desires prevail, and pleasures attract. We choose Your commands and prohibitions poorly, blinded to insight, deviating from the path of righteousness, and distancing ourselves from the ways of steadiness." 1.

Is your life an embodiment of a divine or non-divine plan?

Success and misfortune, which are two paths and life plans, were created by God before all individuals and societies. 2. Individuals and societies are free to follow either of these two paths or implement these two plans. Even while an individual is in their mother's womb, God determines their provision based on these two plans of success and misfortune. If one chooses success, their provision aligns with that choice, but if they choose misfortune, their provision corresponds to that.

1. **Al-Iqbal bil-A'mal al-Hasanah (modern edition), Volume 1, Chapter 20, Page 299.**

2. **Al-Kafi (Islamic edition), Volume 1, Page 152, Hadith 1:** Muhammad ibn Isma'il from al-Fadl ibn Shadhan from Safwan ibn Yahya from Mansur ibn Hazim from Abu Abdullah (al-Sadiq), peace be upon him, said: "Indeed, God created happiness and misery before He created His creation. Whoever God created happy will never be hated by Him, even if he commits evil, God will hate his action but not him. And if he is miserable, He will never love him, even if he does good deeds, God will love his action but hate him due to what he will become. When God loves something, He never hates it, and when He hates something, He never loves it."

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