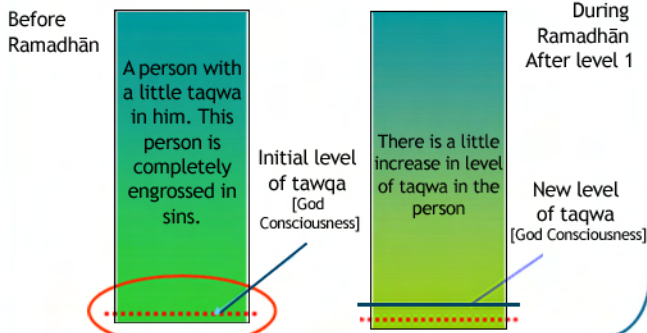


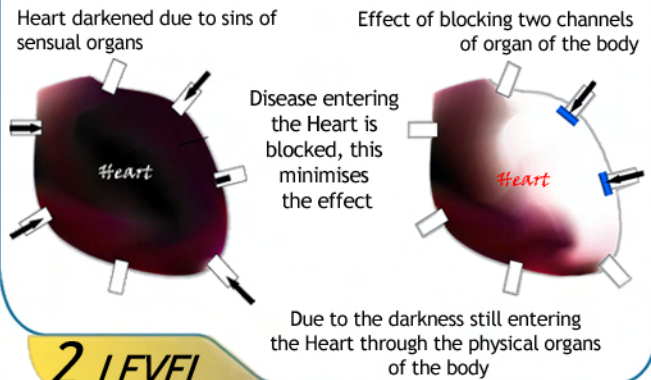
BRIEF OUTLINE OF DIFFERENT LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL FAST

To abstain from eating and drinking and marital relationships from dawn to sunset and to perform the five daily prayers and Tarawih prayers



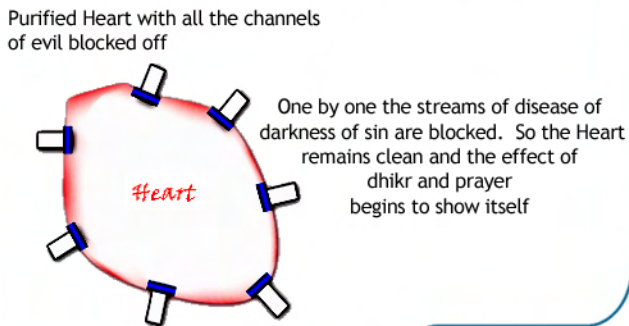
LEVEL 1

To observe and abstain from the sins of the Tongue, Eyes and Feet [including level 1]



2 LEVEL

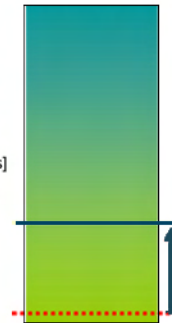
To observe and abstain from all the sins of the sensual organs of the body [Including level 1 and 2]



LEVEL 3

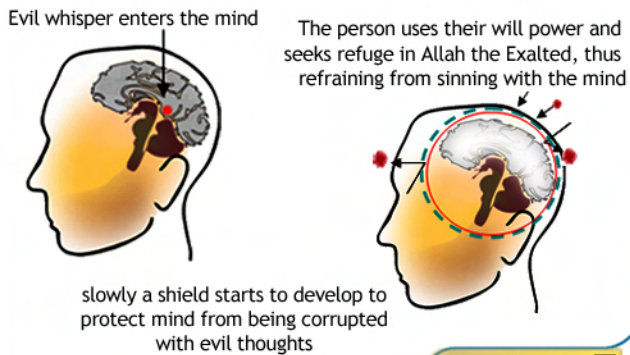
To use your heart and call Allah in all worship you do. Use your sensual organs to do good deeds by fulfilling the rights of Allah and the creation and practicing the amāl for Ramadhān. [Including level 3]

Refraining from sins with other organs of the body further develops the level of taqwa [God Consciousness] in the person. (level 3+4)



4 LEVEL

To abstain from sinful thoughts [including level 4]



LEVEL 5

To use your heart and mind to remember and ponder on the hereafter, the day of judgement and all that Allah has created [including level 5]



6 LEVEL

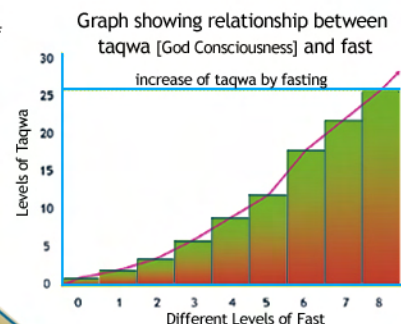
To use your heart and mind to truly focus on Allah and His Beloved Messenger [Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam] and to reflect on the life of the Last and Final Messenger [Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam] [including level 6]



LEVEL 7

To be totally annihilated in the Love of Allah and His Beloved Messenger [Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam] and to be in the presence of Allah with his heart, mind and soul throughout ones fast

The person reaches the highest attainable level of taqwa through the fast. (level 7+8)



8 LEVEL

- 1) When Ramadhan enters, offer 2 rakaats of Salatut Taubah [prayer of repentance], present your sins to Allah Azzawajal and beseech His forgiveness and say that you have wronged yourself and others; make intention that you are not going to sin; at least not in this month.
- 2) Adopt the lifestyle, Prophetic Practices, the Sunnah of Prophet [Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam] especially the method of eating and drinking
- 3) Offer Salatut Tawbah [repentance] and Salahtus Shukr [thankfulness] every Morning and Evening, to ask forgiveness and to thank our Lord for giving us this month of mercy to this nation
- 4) Perform Salatut Tasbih every day after Zuhr Salah.
- 5) Try to always be in the remembrance of Allah at least in the start and end of all ones actions.
- 6) To have the three keys in his mind:
To believe and feel that Allah is seeing you, hearing you and is always present with you, these are the keys which will open your ibaadah [worship] and keep it sincere.
- 7) Be God Conscious and help in the needs of your fellow neighbours and those who have a right upon you.
- 8) Give to charity and help in the needs of those who have nothing but you have been given everything.
- 9) Recite daily the Masnoon Adhkar for morning and evening and reflect on its meaning.
- 10) Try and keep a spiritual fast whatever level you do using a fasting sheet to keep a record.
- 11) Offer the Tarawih prayers with devotion and happiness only to please our Lord.
- 12) Recite the Quran at least for 30 minutes to an hour every day and ponder on its meaning.
- 13) Use your time wisely as this month only comes once a year, sometimes it will come once or those who will not see it again.
- 14) For 15 minutes you should do munajaat talk and communicate to Allah and present your sins. The seeker should use their heart to talk to their Lord asking forgiveness, as He [The Almighty] is the listener and giver for those who repent
- 15) You should recite Durood 300 times morning and evening. As Prophet [Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam] is the one who had conveyed to this nation the awareness of this glorious month.
- 16) Refresh the knowledge of fiqh regarding fast for example the nullifiers of fast etc.
- 17) Those brothers and sisters doing the course of self purification should double the length of time they perform their dhikr
- 18) Offer at least 8 rakaats of Tahajjud Salah. Prolong it by lengthening your bowing [rukoo] and prostration [sujood]. Recite the Masnoon Adhkar for Tahajjud 100 times each. Think that you are sitting in the presence of Allah the Most Exalted.

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