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Preface



There is hope in the heart of every human being:
One day, he will surely find “that” thing he is looking for and reach “that.”

It doesn’t really matter what “that” is. “That” is different for everyone anyway.

One day, he will do something big. Or, one day, he will be rich.

One day, he will find a lover and marry, just as he thought he would.

One day, he will be a very important person. He strongly believes in this.

One day, everyone will realize how important he is...



And there have been millions of people who have passed away from this world without ever losing these inner feelings, these expectations, yet without ever realizing their dreams.

They had hope; they were smart, visionary, and ambitious, yet they could not realize their expectations.

Were they ill-fated or too lazy? Maybe none of them. Or both... There are such life stories that their predestination can be explained neither by destiny nor laziness alone. Some were considered successful, and some failed!

The world is full of examples of people who, despite proper education, have never escaped poverty and of people who, despite having no education at all and even starting life in extremely poor conditions, have ended their lives with great success.

Some people have worked relentlessly but have yet to achieve what others have achieved with simple effort.

Our society, with centuries of bad conditioning, explains this with 'destiny.' However, this is not quite true. More precisely, it is an incomplete perspective.

I don't know exactly why, but I can perceive that *all success comes as a result of effort*. Consider the honeybee. Yes, it is a divine robot programmed to produce honey. It has no will. It doesn't know what it's doing. But the One Who has programmed it in such a way has put such flavor into its activity and effort that the animal shuttles between the hive and the flowers thousands of times a day and is never tired of doing this.

Have you noticed how hard it tries? And why is it that the honey produced by each bee differs, and the quality of the honey varies by the flowers the bee collects?

Here is an important example for those who want to crown their lives with success. When we pay a little atten-

tion, we realize and feel that something outside of us is involved, but we have to make an effort to get what we want.

I don't know, but I sense that I have a lot to do with the formation of grief. With the right information and will properly used, our minds can turn many things in our favor. Ultimately, we have to say: "I have to do something to have the life I dream of!"

This book strives to give us tips on how to properly fulfill the responsibilities that our conscience and our minds impose on us to achieve success, and that are of the kind that make me feel I have a lot to do with the formation of destiny. That is why you will often see an emphasis on hope and effort.

Of course, it is important to have great hopes. But it is also true that no hope is realized unless one strives for it. Even to reach those things predestined to us by Allah, we need to work and make an effort as an introduction to get those things.

The elders said, "If Allah is going to bestow a favor on a person, He does not look for the condition of ability in him," but I think they were seriously mistaken. Of course, the Almighty Allah gives what He wishes to whom He wishes, but since He does everything with 'wisdom,' He does not violate the procedures of the universe.

Everyone knows that prophethood is a "Gift from Allah." But prophets are also known to be great geniuses of intellect, intelligence, insight, and foresight. Prophethood was never bestowed on a person who could not use his intellect properly. In other words, even a "gift from Allah" requires foresight, intellect, perception, and pursuit by

wisdom... When the Quranic verses were revealed, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) was alone in a cave at the top of a mountain in his pursuit of truth. He was not just lying on the bed; he had the ability, of course, and he made efforts to develop that ability... Consciously or unconsciously..

For example, a fig tree is programmed to produce figs. But if you do not care for it, stop watering it, and block its light, it cannot bear fruit. So is hope and ability. Without effort, hope and ability also fail at some point. Hope is, of course, important. However, the effort to realize that hope is just as important.

We need to add one more thing to this list of **‘important’** things: That is **proper effort** and **proper action!** This proper effort and proper action can only be possible with **proper information.** Proper information is gained by **motivating** our given abilities in the **right direction.**

So, in this book, I wanted to draw attention to the following points: We cannot become someone important just by standing and we need to strive in the right direction to be what we hope to be,

We, too, have something to do to get to that inevitable day, the day when we achieve the success and happiness we have been waiting for,

And how we should use the capabilities of our brains and bodies to achieve our goals.

I also wanted it to be a book that would make us realize how our own efforts and skills contribute to our achievements and how we can steer our successes, each of which is a divine blessing, with our efforts...

The effort is from us and the success is from Allah.
That's the bottom line!

I would like to thank my wife, Rahime Demir, who contributed at least as much as me in the preparation of this book...

Sincerely yours...

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