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Question

Assamualaykum Respected Mufti,

1. What does Ar-Rahman mean? I have been getting many waswas from shaytan and I am getting confused on the issue. I get waswas that Rahmah (Mercy) is also a human attribute so how can it be Allah Almighty's Attribute as well. Please shed some light so that I may gain knowledge.

2. In the Quran it says that Allah Almighty manifested himself to the mountian when Musa (alayhis-salam) asked to see him. In authentic hadith it says that The Prophet (S-Allahu-alayhi-wasalam)? lifted his finger and said that the manifestation was like that. What does that mean? Does it mean Allah Almighty revealed himself to that extent?

Answer

**In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful**

**Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**

1) The word *Rahman* means "The **most** merciful". This word cannot be used for anyone besides Allah Ta'ala. Even though humans have the quality of mercy, their mercy cannot compare to the mercy of Allah Ta'ala. This can clearly be understood from the following narration where Abu Hurairah (May Allah Ta'ala be pleased with him) mentions that Nabi **ﷺ** has said,

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*?Allah Ta?ala has made mercy into a hundred portions, He revealed only one portion on this earth and kept ninety nine portions (of mercy) by him.? (Sahih Muslim, 8/96)*

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2) Commentators suggest two possible meanings for this verse and the Hadith, viz:

a) It is the nur of Allah Ta'ala which descended. (Tafseer al-Jalalain 167, Dar al-Fikr, Safwa at-Tafaaseer 1/435, Qadeemi kutub khana, Ma'arif al Quran 3/204, Maktabah al Ma'arif) It is common in Arabic to drop off the *Mudhaaf*. Hence the verse means *tajallah nur rabihi*.

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b)? The verse and the Hadith are from the *Mutashaabihaat*. We confess our ignorance, hand over the meaning to Allah Ta'ala and do not indulge in any explanations. This is a more safer approach.

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**And Allah knows best**

**Wassalamu Alaikum**

**Darul Iftaa, Madrassah In'aamiyyah**