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«الَّذِي لَيْسَ لَصِفَتِهِ حَدٌّ مَحْدُودٌ، وَلَا نَعْتُ مَوْجُودٌ، وَلَا وَقْتُ مَعْدُودٌ وَلَا أَجَلٌ مَمْدُودٌ»

“He for whose description no limit has been laid down, no eulogy exists, no time is ordained and no duration is fixed.”

«فَطَرِ الْخَلَائِقِ بِقُدْرَتِهِ وَنَشَرَ الرِّيحَ بِرَحْمَتِهِ وَوَتَّدَ بِالصُّخُورِ مَيِّدَانَ أَرْضِهِ»

“He brought forth creation through His Omnipotence, dispersed winds through His Compassion, and made firm the shaking earth with rocks.”

«أَوَّلُ الدِّينِ مَعْرِفَتُهُ، وَكَمَالُ مَعْرِفَتِهِ التَّصْدِيقُ بِهِ، وَكَمَالُ التَّصْدِيقِ بِهِ تَوْحِيدُهُ...»

“The foremost in religion is the acknowledgement of Him, the perfection of acknowledging Him is to testify Him (by heart), the perfection of testifying Him is to believe in His Oneness, ...”

«وَكَمَالُ تَوْحِيدِهِ الْإِخْلَاصُ لَهُ...»

“the perfection of believing in His oneness is to regard Him Pure (and dedication to Him)...”

«وَكَمَالُ الْإِخْلَاصِ لَهُ نَفْيُ الصِّفَاتِ عَنْهُ لَشَهَادَةِ كُلِّ صِفَةٍ أَنَّهَا غَيْرُ الْمُوصُوفِ...»

“and the perfection of His purity is to deny Him attributes. because every attribute is a proof that it is different from that to which it is attributed and everything to which something is attributed is different from the attribute ...”

God's essence is not apart from His attributes. He is not composite, because a composite would need its parts. His attributes and His essence are all one and the same. They are not additional.