

Why is establishing an Islamic State so crucial?

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Why so powerless?

The current state of the powerlessness of the Muslims mostly owes to the absence of an Islamic state. The situation has deteriorated so low that the Muslims now live without the full practice of Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him)'s Islam. So, the understanding of Qur'an and the practice of *sharia*, *hudud*, *shura*, pan-Islamic unity, jihad, and other basics do not exist in their life. Such a restrained practice of Islam is considered by the enemies as the best way of containment of Islam. Any attempt to come out of the control is labeled as a threat to the so-called global peace and security; hence becomes the target of instant annihilation. The issue of peace and security means the peace and security of the global imperialist terrorists and not for the Muslims. So the Muslim villages are bombed and the Muslim men, women, and children are killed in many Asian and African countries by the US, the French and the Russian bomber planes. Even the wedding ceremonies and the burial gatherings are not spared.

The core Islamic practice like "enjoining the right" and "eradication of the wrong" is not allowed even in Muslim states. Any attempt for implementation of *sharia* is labeled as a marker of extremism. And the glorification of any effort for establishing an Islamic state is blamed as terrorism. Even helping the innocent victims of Israeli atrocities in Palestine faces strict restriction and scrutiny. Thus, a believer is compelled to live without Islam's key mission, vision, and objective. Whereas, submission to such restricted and distorted practice of Islam is only possible after a gross deviation from the Qur'anic roadmap. And any such deviation can only lead to hellfire. To avoid such a hell-bound route, migration to an Islamic state becomes part of the Qur'anic roadmap –as practised by the early Muslims.

Why Islamic state is the best beneficial institution on earth?

The livelihood of physical sustenance comes from Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It is given to all creatures. But the success in life depends on spiritual and ideological rightness. Only such rightness takes one to paradise, and the failure takes to hellfire. Achieving that spiritual rightness is the obligation of every individual; his or her fitness for paradise is tested here. For that, the conceptual premise must stay uncorrupted. And to stay uncorrupted, it needs full immunity against toxic ideas, false beliefs, and fake religions. And to generate such immunity, it needs Divine knowledge. Because of such knowledge, the Muslims who stayed in Mokka prior to their migration to Medina, could survive the conceptual corruption amidst the highly corrosive *kuffar* beliefs. One can produce food and drinks, but can't grow Divine knowledge or guidance. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has sent down holy books and thousands of messengers to do that job.

For spiritual and conceptual rightness, one needs an ideological environment free from toxic ideas and beliefs and also needs regular nourishment from the best treasure of knowledge like the Holy Qur'an. Only this way one gets rightly benefited from the greatest blessing of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and can stay aligned with *siratul mustaqeem*. Otherwise, he or she meets a spiritual death and gets deviated to the hellfire. In this regard, the role of an Islamic state is crucial. Such a state does the job on behalf of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la to keep people safe from political, ideological, and cultural corruption and prepare them for paradise. When a state does its job –as done in the early days of Islam, even an average man achieves spiritual good health and attain the necessary fitness for paradise. This is why nothing is more beneficial on earth than an Islamic state. This is the best project to save people from hellfire. And those who invest their wealth, talent, and blood for building an Islamic state are indeed the best people in the sight of All-Wise Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. In its absence, even a Nobel laureate gets lost in a corruptive conceptual quagmire. Through education, culture, and politics, the people living

in an un-Islamic state get groomed for the hellfire.

Since Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) and his companions didn't have any ready-made Islamic state anywhere, they needed to build one. It is indeed the most important as well as the most costly and the most beneficial task that the Prophet (peace be upon him) did for mankind. Because of that, the Muslims could build the finest civilization in the whole human history. More than 60 percent of companions sacrificed their life for strengthening and defending the project. Such a state works as the true gateway of paradise. But Satan has his own agenda; he wants to take people to the hellfire. He made it known in front of Allah Sub'hana Ta'la on the first day of his rebellion. So, the satanic forces all over the world stand against the creation of an Islamic state even in a Muslim land. They wish that the Muslims should live without *iman*. For that, they want to de-link them from the Qur'anic teachings. This is why the USA and other anti-Islamic forces put pressure on the client Muslim states to curb Qur'anic lessons in schools, madrasas, mosques, media, and in public gatherings. So, in Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, India, Egypt, and in many more Muslim countries, not only the Qur'anic classes and Islamic TV channels are closed down, but also many of the Qur'an teachers are put behind the bar.

Dangers of an institutional void

The most important event in the Islamic calendar is not the birth of the Prophet (peace be upon him) or the victory of Mecca, but his migration from Mecca to Medina. It is the most important milestone in Islam's civilizational growth and in the emergence of the Muslim *Ummah* as the most dominant World Power. The decision of the early Muslims to begin the Islamic calendar from the year of migration indeed gives recognition to the significance of the event. Only after the establishment of an Islamic caliphate, the Muslims could enjoy a safe and conducive premise to practice full Islam. Only a powerful Islamic state could provide the infrastructural support and security in fulfilling the Islamic obligation of the Muslims to make the Qur'anic Truth prevail over the falsehood. Only such an Islamic state based on pan-Islamic brotherhood could help dismantle the divisive walls raised

in the name of land, language, race and ethnicity and could provide the needed space for civilizational growth. The absence of such a core Islamic state could easily precipitate the worst catastrophic consequences -as the Muslims experience today. The Muslims are now forced to live a life without full Islam. They are forced to embrace even the enemy occupation, deaths, destruction, eviction, and ideological cum cultural corruptions.

For moral development, constant nurture in a value-adding institutional environment is crucial. Family, mosque, madrasa, school and the cultural cum educational milieu of an Islamic state constitute the essential parts of such a value-adding infrastructure. In absence of such institutions, the risk of moral, cultural, and spiritual deprivation is quite real. In fact, in such an institutional void, men and women even with full physical fitness turn inferior to the animals –as has been stated in the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Quranic thus reveals, "*ula'ika k'al an'am, bal hum adal* (they are like the animal, rather worse than that)". The naked men and women who live like animals in the jungles of Nicobar Island are indeed the products of such an institutional void. Physically and genetically they fully resemble a man or woman, but they can't fit in human society. Instead, they show more compatibility with the fellow animals. When they see men or women in their near vicinity, these fellow members of the same species quickly disappear into the forest –as shown in documentaries on their life. It reinforces the notion that meeting mere bodily needs doesn't make people true human. The moral, educational, cultural and spiritual needs to be adequately addressed, too. For that, a value-adding vast infrastructure must be in place; otherwise, moral death is unavoidable. Indeed, an Islamic state provides such a humanizing mega infrastructure; hence it is the most important institution on earth. Because of such a value-adding infrastructure, the best people of the whole human history -like the companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him) could be produced. Because of such a supportive state, the Muslims could build the finest civilization on earth and could emerge as the number one World Power.

The state power & the consequence

Family, community, mosques, schools, and colleges have their invaluable importance as value-adding institutions. But none of these is equal or superior to the state and its powerful infrastructure. The state is the most powerful institution on earth that can add ultimate humanizing or dehumanizing factors to humans. A state must empower its people and the people must strengthen the state. Such a model works in an Islamic state and gives birth to a powerful civilizational force. But such a model does not work under the enemy occupation. The state and its institutions are then run by the enemy and work for the enemy. The people are then treated only as subjects. And the state institutions then become the tool of exploitation, subjugation, de-Islamisation, and de-empowerment –as occurred under the colonial occupation in the past and it is happening now under the occupation of anti-Islamic forces.

The occupying force of a state can easily undo the good works of the social and religious institutions. They can easily manipulate the civic institutions to serve their own agenda. Millions of mosques and thousands of madrasas then stand powerless to encounter the influence of the brutal state power. Even mosques and madrasas can be turned into pubs, clubs, stables, or fodder stores –as happened in Soviet Russia and China during the communist era. Thus, if state power falls in the hand of any evil forces, it can cause unimaginable havoc on earth. Not only they can drop nuclear bombs, occupy countries and turn cities into rubbles, but also can endorse the worst criminals as a god in the public life –as happened at the hand of Pharaoh and Nimrod. The magic spell of state power doesn't end there; it can even approve the most scandalous crimes in the name of religion –as was done in the case of mass slaughtering wars of the European crusaders in the Muslim lands. It can indoctrinate people even in believing the most unbelievable lies. Cow, snake or idol-worshipping paganism is indeed the product of such state-sponsored indoctrination -that too in the name of religion.

Such manipulative state power can turn the societal space morally and spiritually more dangerous than jungles. A jungle is morally or spiritually neutral. The animals never persuade people in worshiping

snakes, cows, or idols: therefore do not guide people to hellfire. Nor do they endorse a tyrant killer like Pharaoh as a god or Hitler as a leader. In fact, the most harmful evil creatures on earth were not born in jungles, rather in states –as is the case of Pharaoh, Hitler, Stalin, Bush, or Putin. Then the state institutions work as the largest evil industry to produce the most murderous people on an industrial scale. Occupying states, colonizing countries, running gas chambers, and dropping nuclear bombs, cluster bombs, barrel bombs or chemical bombs then become the acceptable norms. Such states under the occupation of the evil forces become the powerful tools for making wars, World Wars, genocidal massacres, ethnic cleansing, and mindless exploitation. The state apparatus like media, educational and cultural institutions then works as massive machines to mould people's minds, behaviour, and character to the extent that they grow as the most obedient worshippers, voters and warriors even for the worst killers on earth.

The task of promoting and protecting people's moral and spiritual health is so massive and difficult that it can't be accomplished by mere religious scholars, leaders, or parties. Nor could be done merely at homes, mosques or madrasas. The full *islamisation* of people is unattainable without full *islamisation* of the state and its institutions; both must run together. Otherwise, the people and those who run the state deviate from Islam's hands in hands –as is the norm today in the Muslim World. Hence, for the sake of Islam and the Muslims, nothing is more important than the full *Islamisation* of the state. Such an extreme spiritual cum political necessity has also been emphasized in the Holy Qur'an. The most important Qur'anic obligations like justice by sharia, rule by shura, jihad for eradication of wrongs, and enjoining the right and borderless pan-Islamic Muslim unity remain only in the Holy Qur'an if the state stays out of *islamisation*. So the Prophet's (peace be upon him) had to establish an Islamic state, and it becomes an obligation on every Muslim to follow him. It is also an inseparable part of *sunnah*. In fact, building an Islamic state is the greatest and the most distinctive legacy of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) that makes him the greatest man in human history. The huge success of the early Muslims owes greatly

to the contribution of such a powerful Islamic state. Because of such a state, the Muslims could emerge as the most powerful civilizational force in the world and could better serve Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's agenda. The Islamic *khilafa* appeared as the core Muslim state to protect Muslim interest both at home and abroad. No other faith or religion, nor even the great prophets like Musa (peace be upon him) or Isa (peace be upon him) could build such a state. As a result, they couldn't build any civilization either. For the same reason, Buddha failed too.

The highest piety

For building a higher civilization, it needs the inclusive involvement of all the state and non-state actors and institutions. To accomplish such a highest act of piety, it also needs indispensable inputs from All-knowing Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Such Divine inputs are made available through the Holy Qur'an. In such an endeavor of state-building, all the believing men and women need to be fully mobilized and engaged –as happened in the days of Prophet (peace be upon him). Islam makes it a binding obligation on every believer. Therefore, for a Muslim, remaining inactive or disengaged from state-building is not an option. In fact, the success or failure of the *ummah* in raising such an Islamic state and civilization depends on the level of people's involvement. In such an *islamising* endeavor, the entire state establishment with all of its leaders, institutions, and manpower must play the coordinating, mobilizing, and leadership role. Otherwise, all efforts meet failure. In prophet's days, not a single Muslim remained inactive or disengaged from it. Any form of disengagement was known as a marker of disbelief (*kufur*) or hypocrisy (*munafiqat*). No other sector demanded such a massive investment of time, energy, wealth, and human lives than building the Islamic state; most of the companions needed to be on the front line of jihad and sacrifice their life. In absence of an Islamic state, the Muslim Ummah miss the rallying point. In such a void, the Muslims engage in doing the opposites: they fight for disunity and mutual destruction -as is happening now in the Muslim World.

Building hospitals, universities, high ways, farms, fisheries, or industries are definitely good deeds. These add skills and comforts to physical survival. But such economic or welfare works do not add any meaningful moral highness to the people. Nor does it add any guidance to save people from hellfire. But the fate of mankind is decided elsewhere. It is through jihad for enjoining the right and eradicating the wrong. And the best way of doing it is the Islamic state building jihad. Then, the whole state and its institutions become the parts of the Divine mission for enjoining the right and eradicating the wrong. The Muslim countries now have thousands of hospitals, universities, high ways, farms, fisheries, and industries. They have nuclear bombs, too. But that didn't help them emerge as a civilizational force on earth. Neither did that add an iota of glory to the Muslims on the world stage. The Muslims built 57 national or tribal states, each with a different map, flag, and leader. But none of these states has any *islamising* role. The *islamising* objective of Islam can never be achieved by a national, tribal or secular state. Such states are fully incompatible with Islam's core agenda. These states can't match with the Vision of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. This is indeed the greatest calamity of the secular, tribal and nationalist states. Such states with the wrong objective and the erroneous mission can lead people only to a total failure in the hereafter. In fact, these states work as fast-moving trains on satanic tracks to the hellfire. Whereas, it is an obligation that the Muslims must set their state-craft on *siratul mustaqeem*; only then, the state and its institutions can help people reaching paradise. Only then, a state can do the greatest benefit to its citizens. It is indeed the real blessing of an Islamic state. Can any worldly benefit match such benefit in the hereafter? Therefore, what else can be the act of highest piety than building an Islamic state? It is awful that such a huge benefit of the Islamic state gets ignored. And it is no less shocking that such a distinctive difference between an Islamic and a non-Islamic state mostly goes unnoticed by the Muslims due to huge hostile propaganda of the evil forces!

Khelafa: why is it indispensable?

Enjoining the right (*amaru bil maruf*) and forbidding the wrong (*nehi'anil munkar*) is a key mission of Muslims' survival. But is purely a law enforcement issue. Therefore, can't be done through *salah*, fasting, hajj, charity and other rituals. These rituals are only the means to reach the end; not the end in themselves. And the enforcement of the law can't be done by individuals. It needs law enforcement executive authority –which is possessed only by a state. It also needs a huge infrastructure of policing and judiciary to find out the wrong-doing criminals and to bring them to justice. Therefore, how can the believers discharge the assigned mission of “*enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong*” in absence of a sharia enforcing state authority? Hence in absence of such a state, a great part of Islam remains unpractised –as is the norm in most of Muslim countries. More importantly, without engaging in this obligatory mission, how a Muslim can please his Supreme Lord and can save his soul from the hellfire?

In absence of such a state, *sharia* survives only in books –as happened in the case of sharia that was revealed to the prophet Musa (peace be upon him). The people of Bani Israel were heavily punished for such criminal negligence. Now, the Muslims have taken the same route. In such a context, what else would be the best act of piety than engaging in Islamic state-building jihad? Whoever gets killed in the making and defending such a state is called *shaheed*. And a *shaheed* has a special place in Islam. No one can be a prophet anymore; but the door to become *shaheed* stays open. And in the hereafter, the *shaheeds* will enjoy the highly valued privilege of sitting with the prophets. They are given exceptionally an instant entry to paradise without accountability. The Almighty Lord gets so much pleased with the self-sacrificing deed that He made it forbidden to call them dead. They stay alive and are given food and drink even after getting killed –as promised in the Holy Qur'an.

The greatest wisdom of the early Muslims

The greatest wisdom of the early Muslims lies in the fact that they could fully realize how indispensable is an Islamic state. It reflects not only their true understanding of the Holy Qur'an but also the understanding of the socio-political urgency of an Islamic state for

the practice of full Islam. Because of such understanding, they didn't confine the practice of Islam within the boundary of their personal or family life. Nor did they restrict it within the premises of the mosques. Their vision was so insightful and their commitment for the cause of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la was so profound that even in the tiny Muslim population of Arabia, there was no shortage of people who sacrificed their wealth and lives to make the Islamic state a great success. Except for some physically disabled ones, none of them stayed behind the front line or remained aloof from jihad. In fact, most of the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) became *shaheed*. Islam's successive victories, rapid expansion, and the whole glory indeed belong to them. Because of such a self-sacrificing spirit, the companions of the prophet Muhammad (be upon him) are labeled as the best people in the whole human history. Today's 1.5 billion Muslims failed to make contributions of the same size. On the contrary, they made the ugliest part of Muslim history by working side by side with the imperialists as the most subservient mercenaries –as evidenced in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. The mercenaries look for money, not for Islamic principles, obligations or higher values. If they get money, they even turn their guns towards the Muslim men, women, and children to please their masters.

Such *mercenarism* is indeed the dominant culture in the civil and military elites of the Muslim countries. They join the government and non-government organizations (GO's and NGO's) to fight for the imperialist causes both at home and abroad. Already, they have shown their readiness to fight any nasty war for the imperialists. So they could drop bombs even on religious schools to kill innocent girls –as the Pakistan Army carried out on Islamabad's Hafsa madrasa during President Musharraf's era. They can also launch a barrage of artillery shells even on a peaceful gathering of unarmed Islamists –as the Bangladesh Army did in Dhaka's Shapla roundabout in May 2013. They killed hundreds of people and concealed their dead bodies. The Egyptian Army committed the most heinous massacre against the innocent unarmed men and women in Rabaa al Adawiya square in August 2013. These are only the terrible symptoms of a sinister disease, and the disease itself is the absence of a core Islamic civilizational state and its

institutions in the Muslim lands. In absence of such a state, no one exists to punish these criminal mercenaries. These hardcore enemies of Islam and the Muslims have taken the full benefit of such a void; they could successfully occupy the whole Muslim World. Millions of mosques, hundreds of thousands of madrasas, and more than 1.5 billion Muslims couldn't end this enemy occupation. Muslims' prayer and supplication are not helping either. It needs some crucially important things to be done –as was the case with the early Muslims. The first thing must be done first, and that is the restoration of Islamic *Khilafa* –Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's only political institution on earth. Only such a state can dismantle the satanic states and their institutions from the Muslim lands. A devil never fails to understand his enemies. Hence, nothing can invite more wrath, more hostile propaganda, and more bombardment from the anti-Islamic global coalition of the imperialists than such an Islamic state-building initiative –as it is currently visible all over the Muslim World. In fact, such enmity of the proven enemy of Islam establishes the exact worth and correctness of the project.

Absence of an Islamic State & the Civilizational Catastrophe

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The core concept and the obligation

A state is the most powerful institution on the planet. In the past, both the best and the worst could be done by the state institutions. But an institution can't work on its own, it needs an ideology and methodology to excel in its works. The ideology decides which way the state should go: good or bad. In this regard, all other religions do

not prescribe any roadmap for state-building. Nor did prescribe any law for societal justice. The founding fathers of these religions were not state-builder either. Therefore, they couldn't present themselves as a role model in politics -the most important aspect as well as the most defining characteristic of the humans that differentiate them from other species. (The Greek philosopher defined humans as a political animal).

Of all religions, Islam is the only exception that made taking part in politics and state-building a religious obligation. And it is the most sacred jihad –a life-long holy struggle. A Muslim is faith-bound to invest his talent, time, wealth and even his life in it. How can a man with an iota of responsibility and civic sense withdraw from making a contribution for the betterment of the most important and powerful institution on earth like a state? Moreover, one can't think of any Islamic polity like an Islamic state, Divine judiciary, sharia, *hudud*, Islamic education, Islamic society and borderless pan-Islamic brotherhood without engaging in jihad. In fact, whenever jihad disappears from Muslims' life, all other indispensable elements of Islam also disappear. Then, Muslim life without Prophet (peace be upon him)'s full Islam –as is happening today. Islam then gets confined only within the rituals like five-time prayer, month-long fasting, charity and hajj. That didn't happen for a single day in the golden days of Islam.

Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) -the last prophet of Islam is a role model both in politics and state-building. He fought wars, made negotiations, signed treaties, execute the judiciary, sent emissaries, punished enemies and ruled as the Head of the State for 10 years. Hence, he is unique and exemplary for the whole of mankind. A Muslim has no other way but to follow his model. And it is a Qur'anic dictate that whoever follows the Prophet (peace be upon him), obeys Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. And whoever disobeys him, indeed takes the satanic path towards the hellfire. The absence of the Islamic state, sharia, *hudud*, shura, unity and Jihad in the Muslim life clearly demonstrates that they are not following the Prophet (peace be upon him). So, Satan has a lot to celebrate his victory in the Muslim lands.

Islam has been designed and assigned by Allah Subhana wa Ta'la for the betterment of the whole of mankind. It prescribes all the necessary guidelines not only for individuals but also for the good governance of families, societies and a state. In this regard, Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) worked under the direct guidance of Allah Sub'hana wa ta'la and thereby became the perfect model for the whole of mankind. He set examples not only in the field of worshipping the Almighty Lord, but also in running complex statecraft. Having been in the driving seat of the state for long years, he could present himself as the best role model for a ruler. He worked as the mentor for his companions. In fact, all the successes of the early Muslims owe to his teachings and mentoring.

A powerful tool: both for crimes and good deeds

If a state becomes a tool in the hand of devils, then it becomes a tool for committing terrible crimes. Such a usurped state then turns to be a punishing hell. And the state institutions like its army, police, bureaucracy and judiciary are used as the tool of violence, oppression, exploitation, genocide and other dreadful atrocities. In fact, most of the brutal crimes in human history have been done by the criminals sponsored by the states and not by beasts, bugs or natural disasters. In the past, lethal ideologies like racism, colonialism, imperialism, supremacism, communism, and fascism could execute ethnic cleansing, class wars, genocides and global terrorism only because of the state power. More than 75 million people are killed by state institutions only in two World Wars.

On the other hand, if a state is run by a group of Allah-fearing people adhering to the Qur'anic guidance and the prophetic methodology, can do miracles. The early Muslims are examples. They could achieve wonders by eradicating crimes, enjoining justice and ensuring equality between race, colour and gender. They could bring immense human, moral and social development. They could emancipate the women, eliminate slavery, and ensure security to human lives and chastity. In those days, the Whites, the Blacks, the Arabs, the non-Arabs, the Muslims, the Non-Muslims, the Asians, the Africans and the Europeans could enjoy an unfettered opportunity to roam over the

vastest state in the contemporary world and could settle anywhere they liked. Because of Islam's social welfare policy, vast areas of Asia, Africa and Europe were relieved of endemic genocidal wars, inter-tribal feuds and atrocities of the brutal autocrats. As a result, the local people were attracted to Islam. They also opened safe intercontinental trade routes. For the first time in human history, people could enjoy the real cosmopolitan life. Others could build Pyramids, Great Walls, hanging gardens, monumental churches and temples, but the Muslims are only the people who could add humanitarian and social dimensions to mankind. Even the Jews who were persecuted throughout their whole history, not only enjoyed full security but also flourished as the valued citizens of the Islamic *khilafa*. In cities like Baghdad, Damascus, Cairo, Granada, Cordova, Marrakesh, Istanbul and many other cities, prosperous Jewish communities developed.

Absence of caliphate and the calamity

One can feel the importance of oxygen only when he runs out of it. The same is true with an Islamic caliphate. In its absence, the Muslims now suffer from a chain of relentless calamities. Such an institutional collapse and the division of the Muslim World into 57 tribal or national states have indeed generated a perfect recipe for enemy aggression, occupation and an unending catastrophe. The imperialists' exploitation, genocides, mass rape, evictions, destructions of cities and villages are now common in the Muslim lands. The demographic surge of the Muslims, the huge number of mosques and madrasas around the world, the bulging per capita income in some oil-rich Muslim states and even nuclear bombs couldn't work as the substitute for the Islamic *khilafa*.

The collapse of *khilafa* has indeed precipitated the collapse of the Muslims as a civilizational force. The fall-out of such a collapse has been so awful that it made almost 1.6 billion Muslims the real orphans. The Hindus have India, the Christians have the USA and the EU, the Chinese have China and the Jews have Israel. But the Muslims have none. A tribal or national state can't bear the responsibility of a civilizational state. Such a state has no moral and legal acceptance

globally either. In absence of such a civilizational core state, the Muslims in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Chechnya, Palestine, Xinxiang and many other parts of the world now suffer from unending persecution, humiliation and deaths. Nobody in the world stage raise any voice or take any step to stop the ongoing atrocities against the Muslims. They are deprived of any voice in the most powerful body of the world –the UNO’s Security Council. A country like the UK or France of about 75 million can block any UNO move, but 1.6 billion Muslims have to beg permission to say something in the UNO. This is indeed a definitive expression of the powerlessness of the Muslims.

Muslims without Islam!

A fish can’t survive without water. Likewise, a Muslim can’t live as a full or true Muslim in a non-Muslim state. It is equally impossible even in a Muslim state under the occupation of anti-Islamic forces. The ruling clique of the non-Muslim states as well as of the un-Islamic Muslim countries permit practising rituals like five times prayer, fasting, charity and hajj, but never offer any space for practising other Islamic obligations like Qur’anic education in schools and colleges, sharia and *hudud* in courts, interest-free economy, jihad against persecution and many other basics. They even put a ban on wearing *hejab*. How one can be a true Muslim without practising such Islamic fundamentals? Enjoining the right (*a’maru bil ma’ruf*) and eradicating the wrongs (*nehi anil mukar*) are the two-prong Islamic mission. A Muslim is faith-bound to work as His Lord’s viceroy to carry out this mission; otherwise gets labelled as a rebel. The Muslims are honoured as the best people (*khaira ummah*) only because of pursuing the divinely assigned mission –as revealed in Sura al-Imran, verse 110. Only this way a Muslim registers himself as a helper unto Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la (*ansaerullah*). Thus he works as a *khalifa* (viceroy) to fulfil His vision that entails Islam as the overwhelming belief over the fake religions and ideologies (*li’yuzhira’hud’dini kullihi*).

Under the occupation of anti-Islamic forces, it is allowed only to be the helper of the occupying forces. Any visible pursuance of an

Islamic mission is considered a punishable crime. Standing for the agenda of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is labelled as terrorism. Innocent people are brutally tortured and killed even for raising their voice for religious freedom, let alone practising full Islam. While the people in Gaza was being bombed by Israel, protesting rallies were not allowed in neighbouring Egypt and in most Arab countries. More than a million Muslims in China are taken to concentration camps to delink them from the Islamic faith and practices. It has been very endemic to burn down mosques, religious schools and Muslim businesses in Sri Lanka, Myanmar, India and many other countries. But while all these atrocities go on, the Muslim World continues to keep its conspicuous silence.

The last Prophet (peace be upon him) had to face the same brutal hostility; Islam wasn't acceptable to the enemies. So the Prophet (peace be upon him) had to establish an Islamic state to provide Muslims with a safe haven. Building such a state was made a religious obligation. It is a holy jihad in Islam. Other people fight the war and get killed in the name of race, land, monarch, language and economic interest; and at the end go to the hellfire. But the Muslims fight wars and make sacrifices to live with full Islam, and at the end enter into the paradise. Because of an Islamic state, the Muslims could practise full Islam and showcase its beauty to others. It was indeed the most significant event in the whole human history and opened floodgates of conversion to Islam. Because of the supportive state infrastructure, Islam could be the fastest-growing religion in human history. Even today, it is the only option.

Even a plant needs a conducive climate, soil and protection to show its full potentials. Islam too, needs supportive state institutions to deliver its full potentials as the most powerful humanising force in human history. In fact, all the civilizational excellence of the Muslims in the past owes to the infrastructural backings of an Islamic state. The enemies know that. This is why all the anti-Islamic forces are deadly against the creation of an Islamic state in any part of the world. They want that the state's organisational power shouldn't be in the hand of the Islamists and Islam must be confined within the walls

of mosques and madrasas. It is known to the enemies that the emergence of the first Islamic State in the Arabic Peninsula caused the collapse of two contemporary world powers -the Persian and Roman empires. The history can repeat again. This is indeed the basis of Islamophobia hype in the psyche of the anti-Islamic forces. Because of that, former US President Donald Trump told in public that the US Army will bomb to the ground any Islamic state anywhere in the world.

For sustenance as a civilizational force, an ideological backbone is crucial. Ideology makes people the fighting force for an ideology. The military and economic might can't be the substitute. The USA spends one million dollars per soldier to keep them on the battlefield of Afghanistan and Iraq. But Islam makes people whole time fighter at their own cost. But none of the contemporary world powers owns such energising ideology. The communist world has already collapsed because of its ideological fallacy. The capitalist world survives only on wealth, technology and global terrorism; its ideology has already flawed. Only the Muslims stand with a strong ideological backbone that could defeat Soviet Russia in Afghanistan and now defeat the USA Army in the same battlefield. Along with armies from 40 partner states, the USA spends more than 20 years, but couldn't win against the *Mujahideen*. So, wealth and weapon do not work against a solid ideology.

The conceptual corruption & the betrayal of the Divine

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The distraction & the disconnection

The distraction in the Muslim psyche from Allah Sub'hana wa Tala's vision and objective is huge. The agenda of Allah Sub'hana wa Tala is clear, and the Muslims' betrayal of that agenda is also clear. It is His repeatedly declared agenda to bring an overwhelming victory of Islam over all the brands of falsehood and release men and women from the yoke of man-made ideologies and fake religions. The evil forces do not cause the distraction in the name of idol worshiping, cow worshipping or atheism. Most of the distraction from Islam is done in the name of Islam; and not by the *kuffars*, but by the so-called Muslims themselves. It is being done through the corruption of the fundamental Islamic beliefs. And the success is huge. This is why the Prophet (peace be upon him)'s Islam - which entails the establishment of an Islamic state, the implementation of sharia and *hudud*, rule through *shura*, jihad for the elimination of the evil forces, and the Muslim unity doesn't exist in any of the 57 Muslim states. So the Muslims are living without Qur'anic Islam.

Likewise, the damage to the Qur'anic teaching is being done in the name of respecting Qur'an. That too, is being done by the people who claim to be Muslim religious scholars. They have been highly successful to limit the Qur'anic studies in the form of mere recitation without understanding. On the other hand, the final Prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) has been projected as a man with peaceful co-existence with everybody. As if, he has no quarrel or war with anybody and was acceptable to everybody. He has been portrayed to fit into the *sufi* and Tablighi brand of Islam. As a result, the most significant role of his life as the most successful Head of a state and as the most successful General of an Army that

helped Muslims win series of wars and emerge as the most dominant World Power in those days remains almost hidden. Hence, the satanic project of limiting Islam within the rituals like five time prayers, month-long fasting, hajj and charity has been very successful. The continuing downfall of the Muslim owes to this deep distraction from Qur'anic roadmap and wide deviation from the Prophet's tradition. Because of that, the Qur'anic guidance and sharia laws are found only in the Holy Qur'an; not in Muslim life. And the Prophet's tradition of state-building and civilization raising survives only in history books.

The enemies' war against Islam and the Muslims has many frontiers with so many strategies. They recruit a lot of Muslims –even so-called religious scholars as their soldiers. Most of the damages against Islam are done not by the non-Muslims but by these so-called Muslim scholars. Even the *kuffer* colonial occupiers found many so-called religious scholars to support their occupation. Even *jihad* against the enemies was declared defunct by them. They have damaged even Islam's own methodology to build a connection with Allah Sub'hana wa Tala. That too is done in the name connecting with Allah Sub'hana wa Tala –as the *sufi* cults have done through centuries.

The Holy Qur'an helps people to show the straight path to paradise only when it is rightly understood and followed. So understanding Islam and full adherence to it is the most important element in Muslims' life. This is why getting educated on the fundamentals of Islam and on the Holy Qur'an was made obligatory first of all for all the Muslim men and women; five-time prayers, month-long fasting and hajj were made compulsory more than 10 years later. "*Iqra*" as the first proclamation in the Holy Qur'an has a significant message for every Muslim. But awfully, it is being told through centuries by the Muslim sheikhs that mere recitation of Qur'an brings huge reward. Therefore, millions of Muslims didn't feel any

urge to go beyond that. So, the Muslim children in Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Malaysia Afghanistan, and many other countries are taught how to read the Holy Qur'an; but not to understand it. They stay focused only to get rewards and not getting guidance. Whereas, understanding the Holy Qur'an was taken so seriously by the early Muslims that the non-Arab people of Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Algeria, Morocco, Mali, Tunisia, and many others buried their mother tongue and learned Arabic. It was indeed the biggest linguistic revolution in human history.

It is revealed, "Whoever firmly holds the Qur'an, he is guided onto the way of *siratul mustaqeem* (the right path)." Firmly holding the Holy Qur'an means firmly adhering to the embedded guidance; for that, it needs the proper understanding. Mere recitation of a roadmap doesn't pull anyone to the right destination. For that, following the roadmap is crucial. Otherwise, one gets lost in a wrong path; and this is indeed the situation of the Muslims today. The Holy Qur'an is called *hab'lillah* (rope of Allah); hence, whoever holds firmly the Holy Qur'an gets connected with Allah Sub'hand Ta'la –as revealed in sura Al-Imran verse 101. Here, it is about the connectivity of the soul; and Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la connects the souls of the believing men and women with His Own Self through the bundle of messages that He has passed onto the believers through the Holy Qur'an. Whenever one recites those Qur'anic messages in the *salah*, he gets connected with his Almighty Lord; this is indeed the immense benefit of 5 times prayers.

Ignorance works as a strong barrier against such connectivity; whereas knowledge of the Holy Qur'an strengthens it. Satan promotes ignorance, and Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la promotes knowledge. Qur'an has been revealed to serve this purpose. So it is revealed: "Innama yakh 'shAllaha min ibadihil ulama" (Of all creation, only the people of knowledge fear me). So, fear of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la (*taqwa*) gets generated only through

Qur'anic knowledge; and fear of Him is the true marker of the Divine connectivity. This is why, there is a narration from the Prophet (peace be upon him) that whoever spends some time in understanding Qur'an, it is valuable than anything else of the world.

And the connectivity with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala is visible with open eyes. It is indeed the most distinctive feature of Muslim men and women that makes them different from the others. Such connectivity gets overtly expressed through their full alignment with the political, spiritual, social, cultural, economic, and military agenda of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala –as revealed in the Holy Qur'an and as has been practiced by the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions. Such connectivity of the believers gets expressed through the investment of their talent, time, wealth, labor, and even blood to bring the victory of Islam over the falsehood. No victory is free of cost, and a Muslim pays the price through jihad. So, jihad surely comes to every Muslim's life. This is why one can't find a single companion of the Prophet (peace be upon him) who didn't engage in jihad. In those days, the absence of jihad was recognized as a clear sign of a *kafir* or *munafiq*. Hence, establishing an Islamic state, implementation of sharia and *hudud*, dismantling the dividing barriers that are raised in the name of the language, race, and region, and solidifying the Muslim unity and the rule through shura are the defining markers of the connectivity with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. These are the markers of *taqwa*. The absence of such markers is indeed the clear proof of connectivity with Satan. And the tide of ideologies like nationalism, secularism, racism, tribalism, fascism, monarchism, and liberalism in the Muslim lands is in fact the pure proof of the satanic connection.

Zikr (remembrance) of Allah Sub'han wa Ta'la is the most powerful tool to build up a strong direct link with the Almighty Lord. Whenever a person remembers Him, He too,

remembers him. *Fazkuruni azkurukum* (you remember me, I will remember you) is His promise –as revealed in *sura Baqara*. Thus, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la provides all-time open access to every man and woman to tell Him whatever he or she wants to tell. He also teaches the best supplication in the Holy Qur'an. Hence, there exists no need for any intermediary role of any saint, *pir*, or *darwish* to make any recommendation. And the best zikr is *salah*. So, a Muslim enjoys an opportunity to get connected with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la at least five times a day through obligatory prayers.

However, *zikr* has a wider and deeper connotation. *Zikr* is not the mere remembrance of His name and the attributes. Rather, it is the remembrance of the message, the guidance, the duties, the roadmap, and the obligation that have been revealed in the Holy Qur'an. It is also about deep contemplation and repents over failures and weaknesses. It is the task to be done in privacy; daily prayers are designed for that. In those golden days of Islam, the task of strengthening the connectivity with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la was taken by the people themselves; there was no professional class of *pir*, *darwish*, saint or *sufi* to work as the intermediary. No *sufi khanqa* or shrines were built as the special premises for *zikr*; nor the Muslims were taken out of the mosques to do that. But again, huge damage has been done against the institution of *zikr* in the name of *zikr*. Instead of building direct connectivity with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, people are encouraged to rely on a business clan flourishing in the name of an intermediary. As a result, the people have been left unmindful of their own duty.

Huge damage has been done to the fighting spirit of *islah* for the reconstruction of the state and the societies is done in the name prayers (*salah*). The people of *Tabligh Jamaat* have been successful to distract millions of Muslims from Islam's prime agenda of bringing victory of Islam over the falsehood. Their focus is very exclusive; they are not interested in the

Divine mission of “*aamaru bil maaruf*” and “*nehi anil munkar*”. The issues like implementation of sharia, *hudud*, and *khilafa*, launching jihad for ending the enemy occupation, and establishing an Islamic state do not fit into their agenda. Their agenda is confined mostly within the five times prayers. They do not bother to call the Muslims to follow the full Islam. Whereas, Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la makes it obligatory to embrace the full Islam (*udkhulu sis silmi ka’affa*). Thus, they are adding a new and disastrous diversion to the Ummah.

The conceptual occupation

The foreign occupation, deaths, rape, destruction, and the eviction of the Muslims from their own homes are only the symptoms; the disease of the *ummah* lies much deeper. It is embedded inside the conceptual premise. Humans’ every deed, behavior, politics, culture, character, and warfare are indeed the expression of his conceptual paradigm. So, Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la reveals, “Tell (O Muhammad), everyone act as per his conceptual format (*shakela*), and your Lord knows the best who is best guided in the path.” –(Sura Isra, verse 84). In the above verse, the word “*shakela*” is used. The word *shakela* means format, shape or model. But it is not the physical format that shapes humans’ character, behavior, culture or acts; it is indeed the conceptual model or the paradigm. So, it is emphasized in the above verse that any shift in human’s attitude, behavior, culture, and politics needs a shift in the paradigm. The first thing must be done first; so it is the Sunnah of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. So He made ‘*iqra*’ the first proclamation in the revelation. ‘*Iqra*’ is a metaphorical expression to emphasize reading and understanding of the Holy Qur’an as the foremost obligation; the other obligations like five-time prayers, fasting, charity, and hajj came more than 10 years later. On the other hand, the consequence of staying away from the learning endeavor is catastrophic. They will stay deviated in this worldly life and will be raised in blind in the hereafter –as revealed in sura Isra, in verse 72.

Because of the conceptual difference, a secularist, nationalist, racist, fascist, or liberalist visibly differs from an Islamist in all aspects of life. This is why every meaningful social revolution indeed owes to the revolutionary changes in the conceptual premise of the people. The prophet (peace be upon him) took 13 years in the city of Mokka to bring a conceptual revolution in the early Muslims' minds before raising an Islamic state and society in Medina. As a result, he could get a group of war-ready people who were prepared to make every *sacrifice* to promote the cause of Islam. But the enemies of Islam damaged the prophetic methodology. The deep secularisation process during the anti-Islamic rule of the foreign and native occupiers has reversed the whole process of Islamisation. As a result, the whole conceptual premise of the Muslim *ummah* now stands occupied by evil ideologies. So, the Muslim countries are producing more enemies of Islam than soldiers.

Since the de-Islamisation process still continues, the Muslims' downfall also continues. Because of the conceptual perversion, the political and ideological forces in the Muslim countries stand fiercely inimical against Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's agenda. They are more aligned with the *kuffars*. So, the imperialists, the nationalists, the monarchists, the secularists, and the cruel despots get more soldiers in the Muslim World than are found for fighting for Islam. As a result, Islam stands defeated. Like the *kuffars*, the occupying forces of the Muslim countries, too look happy with the annihilation of the early days' Islam. They are also desperate to crush any chances of Islam's revival. Because of such a culture of animosity towards Islam, the most revered Islamic jargons like *jihād*, *khilāfa*, *sharia*, *shura*, *ummah*, *ittehad* and *hudud* have turned taboo even amidst the Muslims. What Abu Jahl or Abu Lahab used to do with the early Muslims, they are doing the same against those who want to bring back the Islamic rule. They are either being killed or put in prisons. The conceptual distortion has gone so worse that even

fighting against the occupation of foreign *kuffar* is criminalized; it is called terrorism. With such a toxic mindset, even the US-led occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq with the death of about 1.5 million and destruction of numerous cities and villages got sanitized -not only by the *kuffar* states but also by many of the Muslim states. In such a culture of perversion, even the rule of the most inhuman despotic autocrats over the Muslim countries is also tolerated with a deep silence of approval.

The betrayal

The Muslims have hugely increased in number. But they adopted a culture of betrayal of the core Islamic agenda. Therefore, a population of 1.5 billion fails conspicuously to add any glory or success to Islam and the Muslims. They live without true Islam. Whereas, Islam is the only prescribed religion for the whole mankind; as it is revealed: "*innad dina endallihil Islam*" (certainly, Islam is the only acceptable religion unto Allah). Compliance with the Divine prescription brought them glory in the past, but now they are making a history of dreadful decadence by belligerent non-compliance with Islam. Opposing *sharia*, *hudud*, *khelafa*, jihad, and Muslim unity is no more a crime limited to *kuffars*, also getting committed by those who claim to be Muslim and the followers of the Prophet (peace be upon him). How such betrayals can bring down any Divine blessing? Is it not the way to qualify for the punishment in the hereafter?

How crucial is the implementation of Islam's sharia law, *hudud* and other principles have never been an obscure issue, It has been made very clear many times in the Holy Qur'an. It is revealed: "He has made plain to you (O Muhammad) of the religion (*deen*) what He commanded upon Noah and that which We have revealed to you, and that which We commanded upon Ibrahim and Musa and Isa -to establish the religion (*deen*) and not be divided therein."-(Sura as-Shura, verse 13). Hence, the establishment of *deen* is crucial. It is non-negotiable.

Compromise on this issue tantamount to disbelief that makes *kafir*. The above verse has a huge ground-breaking implication; brings revolution in Muslims' minds and deeds. It brings obligatory jihad in their life. This is why none of the Prophet's (peace be upon him) companion stood away from it; more than 60 percent of them became martyrs. Every bit of Islam was ordained to be fully practiced. None of its laws (sharia), punitive codes (*hudud*) and other directives to be defunct. Nor should be confined within the premise of private life –as envisaged by many through some rituals, supplication, and recitation.

The issue of practicing Islam at the social, political, cultural, and state-level has always been the prime agenda of the final Prophet (peace be upon him). To demonstrate the whole methodology of implementation of Islam, he needed to be the head of the Islamic state. So politics was the part of his life. From day one in Medina, he demonstrated how to practice Islam at the community, state and international levels. He fully showcased Islam as the complete code of life. Since no society, state or ruling clique provides any empty space for the implementation of sharia and other Islamic obligations, the real test of *iman* starts in politics. Standing face to face against the war-ready *kuffars* becomes indispensable; even the kindest man in the whole human history like Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) couldn't avoid such imposed war.

In the Holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has revealed His Own agenda thrice using almost the same narrative. To make any Divine decree obligatory, a single Qur'anic proclamation is enough. But, Almighty Lord has preferred to repeat it thrice: it came in sura Taubah, sura Fatah and sura Saf. Such repetition has added an extra importance to His agenda. The common text in all three verses is the same and comes as "*liyuzhirahu alad dini kullihi*". It is indeed the core intent of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It means "to make His din (Islam) prevail over all other creeds or religions". Such revelation

of His vision has indeed a huge implication on those who sincerely believe in Him and has true love for Him. It sets the agenda of a true believer's life. Nothing is more sacred in his life than full congruence with his Almighty Lord's vision.

The dysfunction & the moral collapse

Islam aims to make people fit for paradise. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la doesn't give corrupt humans access to His paradise. It is only for the pure people. For that, everyone needs to go through a purifying process. Islam's five-time prayers, fasting, charity, hajj and the Islamic state with its politics, education, culture, and judiciary are the indispensable parts of the process. Enjoining the right (*amaru bil maruf*) and eradication of the wrong (*nehi anil munkar*) is also crucial for social purification. If all these elements work properly, only then the Muslims can attain the promised rank of *khaira ummat* (the best nation) in the midst of the whole mankind. The early Muslims could achieve that; they became the showcase of true Islam. Because of the high level of moral purification, they could cause huge religious conversion in Asia, Africa, and Europe. But later on, the purifying process became dysfunctional; as a result, the downfall started.

The Muslim states now stand occupied under the home-grown evil forces. They build a huge infrastructure of corruption with the taxpayers' money. The whole civil and military administration, the police, the judiciary, the educational institutions, and even the religious bodies become servile tools in their hand to spread corruption. This is indeed the greatest catastrophe in the whole Muslim history. If a state gets corrupted, everything gets corrupted. So, it proves how crucial is it to keep the state free from criminals. It helps to understand why Allah Sub'hana Ta'la gives the highest honor

to those who sacrifice their life to free the state from the evil forces. And it also helps to understand why spending even a moment for defending the state is better than spending the whole night in supplementary (*nafal*) prayers. It also illuminates why the highest seat of power must go to the best man in the country. But the Muslims have failed on all these counts. The seat where the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to sit has now been seized by the criminal despots. Now the whole Muslim World stays under their occupation. As a result, the downhill march of the Ummah has got an accelerated speed. Instead of becoming the best people on earth, they could go on to the level of the worst people on earth. Even the cow-worshipping Indian idolaters could show better political sense than these corrupt Muslims. Despite their ethnic, linguistic, and cast differences, more than one billion Hindus could stay united in one country.

As a consequence of moral collapse, they are doing greater harm to Islam and the Muslims. Because of them, the religious conversion rate to Islam now stands very low. What a few million Muslims could do in the early days, 1.5 billion Muslims can't do even a fraction of that. Dense clouds can hide even the glowing sun; likewise, a huge bulk of corrupt Muslims could successfully hide the real Islam. Along with hiding Islam, they are doing another big crime. They are showcasing huge disbelief towards Islam through their practices. Thus, they doing the job of the worst enemies of Islam. They have even proven their worth as the partner of the external enemies to subvert any effort of Islamic resurgence in any Muslim land. Because of them, the bombing campaign of USA, Russia, France gets support in the Muslim countries. They also nullify Islam's core project of eradicating the wrongdoers (*nehi anil munkar*). As a result, they are inviting more Divine punishment on Muslim lands.

Corruption breeds corruption and makes people's souls hostile to any faith. It is a moral disease that kills the faith and

moral instincts of humans. For faithful moral survival, therefore, it needs the total eradication of the source of corruption. Hence, Almighty Lord has prescribed the curative measures, too. Mere enlightenment with Qur'anic knowledge and the religious rituals do not help cure the disease. Full implementation of sharia and hudud is obligatory to eliminate the source of the disease. But the Muslims' failure in enjoining the right and eradicating the wrong is huge. When some Muslim countries score as the most corrupt countries in the world, it reveals the real disease of the Muslims. It shows how the Muslims are failing to grow up as true Muslims. The huge number of mosques, madrasas, schools, and colleges can't hide such failure. Such moral failure gives a true estimate of the Muslims' downfall as a civilizational force. It shows how badly they are failing to work as the viceroy (*khalifa*) of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Since *sharia*, *hudud* and the Islamic judiciary do the cleansing part of the job against corruption, the Muslims can't regain moral health without their full implementation. In absence of such a cleansing tool in place, corruption climbs up at an alarming rate. In Islam, the importance of *sharia* and *hudud* is so high that Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has labeled those who do not run the judiciary as per revealed law (*sharia*) as *kafir*, *zalim* and *fasik*.—(Surah Maidah, verse 44, 45, 47). But, the Muslims show the betrayal of the Qur'anic prescription. Now, the betrayal is showing its ugliest face. The rulers of most of the Muslim countries now stand shoulder to shoulder with the *kuffars* against the implementation of *sharia*, *hudud*, *khilafa*, *jihad*, and other basics of Islam.

Denial of the Qur'anic guidance & the earned calamities

crime & the punishment

Islam's glory doesn't lie in the size of the geographical landmass; nor in the number of Muslims, mosques, madrasas, minarets, Islamic arts and other artefacts. These are not the markers of Muslims' success. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la will not ask about these things on the day of judgement. The prophet (peace be upon him) and his great companions showed little interest to engage in those things. The true glory and strength of Islam lie in the full submission to the Qur'anic guidance and full practice of the sharia laws -that were framed by none but by the All-knowing Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Only this way, a believer strengthen bondage with his Almighty Creator. Only because of the full adherence to the Divine guidance, the Muslims could build the finest civilisation on earth in whole human history. The Muslims build an Islamic state, raise an army, spread education and run judiciary only to ensure and enhance the full submission to the Qur'anic guidance. Only this way they earn the blessing of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la -both here and in the hereafter. What could be the worst and the ugliest crime against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la than denial of space for His sharia and *hudud* in the courts of the Muslim states? How one can claim to be a Muslim with such an abhorrence of His law? A king is honoured only through full obedience to his laws; not by hollow chanting of his names. What could be the worse dishonour and crime if his rules are ignored or rejected by the people? In the rule of law, a man gets punished even for dishonouring a court order.

Awfully, the Muslims are committing serious crimes by rejecting the law of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la -the Mighty King of the whole universe. A true Muslim can never think of that. It is a great rebellion against His sovereign power; belief in Him gets totally discredited by such crime. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's verdict on such crime is very clear;

these criminals are labelled as kafir (disbeliever), zalem (oppressor) and fasiq (disobedient, rebel) –as mentioned in chapter Maida in verses 44, 45 and 47. Five times prayer, month-long fasting, hajj and charity can't undo such divine labelling. Appallingly, these are the criminals who currently run the Muslim countries; and the common citizens pay taxes to help pursue their belligerent crimes. As a result, the Muslims are deprived of the benefits of sharia law and *hudud*. It is indeed the state-sponsored utter deprivation of Divine guidance. As a result, Satan and his followers can easily claim leadership of these ideologically lost and spiritually depleted people. This is why, even the worst tyrants, the infidels and the evil ideologies get millions of followers in the Muslim lands. With such deep deprivation of moral guidance, how a Muslim can follow *siratul mustaqeem*? Therefore, like a blind man, such a morally and spiritually incapacitated man follows anyone claiming to be a leader and easily falls in the satanic trap.

Deprivation of the Divine guidance is indeed the worst crime of all crimes. A killer can kill a man and a rapist can rape a woman, but they don't take the victims to the hellfire. But a devil running a state can take millions of people to the hellfire. The whole statecraft then becomes the hell-bound vehicle. The state policies, the politics, the institutions, the education and the culture work as servile instruments in the hands of devils. This is why the greatest good deed in Islam is not to build a mosque or a madrasa but to free a country from the rule of devils and to Islamise it. It is indeed the costliest task on earth; more than 60 per cent of the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) sacrificed their life for that. And it opens paradise for the martyrs without any trial.

Those who get the labels like *kafir*, *zalim* and *fasiq* from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, can they expect any mercy from Him or space in paradise? These are the labels of the worst criminals. They deserve only the punishment –both here and in the hereafter. The Muslims are blessed people on earth. No nation on earth possesses the greatest gift of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la like the holy Qur'an. But awfully, the Muslims have failed to translate this Book of guidance into deeds.

Instead of following this Divine guidance, they follow their own whims or evil ideologies. They take secularism, nationalism, tribalism and autocracy as the politics, capitalism as the economy and western materialism as the way of living. And the Qur'anic guidance gets ignored everywhere. Thus the greatest crime against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is committed by the Muslims. And it is also true that punishing a crime is the core principle of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la; hence no crime goes unpunished. For the same reason, the people of Bani Israel couldn't escape the punishment either. In fact, the Muslims are already in the receiving end of the punishment –as promised in the Holy Qur'an, in different forms. Enemy's wars, military occupations, defeats, deaths, destructions and humiliation are already working as tools of Divine punishment in the Muslim lands.

Sharia is indispensable

Islam's every law and its punitive prescription reflects the greatest wisdom of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It works as a tool to enforce the Divine justice on earth and eradicate crimes. It is indeed the humanising as well as the social reforming arm of Islam. Five-time prayers, month-long fasting, charity, and hajj bring purification to individuals; but the purification of the social, state and civilizational arenas comes only through full implementation of sharia. Hence, it is impossible to build a peaceful and corruption-free society without sharia. If there was any such possibility, sharia wouldn't have been prescribed by All-knowing Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. In fact, the past glory of Islam in achieving its civilisation excellence owes to its sharia laws. Law is the ultimate marker of the intellectual, spiritual and moral health of humans. Even in old days, humans showed their technological excellence; they could build pyramids, Great Wall and hanging gardens. But they failed tremendously in differentiating the right from the wrong and framing fair humanitarian laws. So, crimes like slave-trading, racism, ethnic cleansing and genocide could be practised as lawful acts! And the women could be deprived of property rights and were treated as household staffs.

Sharia is so crucial in Islam that without its implementation, Islam can't reach its target. Nor can be fully practised. Neither can deliver its most cherished benefits to mankind. Then, the Qur'anic project of delivering justice to the people remains non-functional. The Muslim Ummah does not have any shortage of people who perform religious rituals; more than a billion do that regularly all over the world. But such rituals didn't add up any glory, peace and tranquillity to the Muslims; nor could end the foreign occupation and humiliation. In the holy Qur'an, the Muslims are described by Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la as the best people on earth (*khaira ummah*). But such a great honour doesn't owe to five-time prayers, month-long fasting, charity or hajj. As per Qur'anic narrative, the Muslims get such a great honour only because of their great survival mission like enjoining the good deeds (*a'maru bil maruf*), eradicating the crimes (*nehi anil munkar*) and firm belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la –as revealed in chapter al-Imran, verse 110.

Therefore, in order to earn such an honour and to fulfil Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's expectation, the Muslim must put into practice the Divine tool of social justice called sharia. The state that implements sharia becomes the safest place on earth for the people of all races, colours, creeds –as happened in the early days of Islam. Therefore, those who stand against sharia, indeed stand against Allah –the Almighty. It is a serious crime to drive people away from the Qur'anic roadmap. By abdicating sharia, they indeed run a criminal war to dismantle the most crucial civilizational instrument of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Nothing can be more damaging crime than such a war. It serves only the agenda of the devil. This is why, in the golden days of Islam, such despicable enemies of mankind used to get capital punishment for their war crimes. The presence of these devils in the midst of the Muslims only adds more speed to the downfall.

A non-believing man behaves no better than a donkey vis-à-vis dealing with sharia. A donkey, like any other animal, can't understand the worth of sharia -the highest gift of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Nor is it capable of showing any interest to implement, ent it -although it can carry on its back a huge load of books impregnated with sharia. In

Holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la narrated how the people of Israel didn't behave better than a donkey vis-à-vis sharia. They were given sharia in the Taurat. They could carry it and read it but failed badly to implement it. Because of such a sheer lack of responsibility, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la showed His displeasure: "The likeness of those who were entrusted with the Taurat, then they do didn't take it on is like that of a donkey who carries (volumes of) books. Wretched is the example of the people who deny the signs of Allah. And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people." -(Chapter al-Jumma, verse 5). The free meals like *manna* and *salwa* that they received in the Sinai Peninsula for years couldn't help them follow the Divine guidance, rather increased their greed and cowardice.

Sharia can't be implemented in any land that stands occupied by the enemies. The occupying force never allows that to happen. Therefore, the enemy occupation needs to be dismantled. For that, it needs jihad against the enemies. Hence, the sacrifice of lives and wealth becomes unavoidable—as was the case with the prophet of Islam and his companions. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la proposed a land for the Bani Israel, too and asked them to raise a state thereon sharia law. Since it needed jihad to remove the occupying forces from there, the cowardice people of Bani Israel didn't take that advice. Because of the withdrawal from jihad, their land remained occupied and the sharia that was revealed in the Taurat didn't get any chance for the implementation. Otherwise, they could build *khulafa-e-rasheda* like the early Muslims. It was indeed one of the ugliest betrayals of an assigned mission; and such betrayal invited the Divine punishment. They had to roam as refugees in the cities and villages of various countries in Asia, Africa and Europe. During their stay in Arabia, they also showed their deadliest enmity against Islam. They even aligned with the pagan infidels to dismantle the only sharia-state at its nascent stage in Medina —which was against their own religion.

Awfully, the Muslims, today, are going down the same route —as was taken by the Jews thousands of years ago. They recite Qur'an, but do not bother to understand it. They are showing the same abhorrence towards sharia. Like any *kuffar*, they too, stand against the

implementation of sharia in any Muslim land. They show their ever readiness to work with the global coalition of the *kuffars* to dismantle any sharia-compliant state in any part of the World –as the secularists did in Afghanistan. Because of such a collaborative mood of the Muslims, the former President of the USA Mr Donald Trump could boastfully say that they will dismantle any Islamic state in any part of the world. It means, they will not allow Muslims to return back to the prophet's Islam that had an Islamic state, jihad and sharia as the integral parts. It is indeed a global conspiracy against the basic religious rights of Muslims.

So, the Christians, the Jews, the Hindus and other infidels are not alone in their fight against Islam and the Muslims. The Muslims, too join them as collaborators. So, in 1917, while the British and the French imperialists fought to dismantle and occupy the Osmania *khelafa*, they were not alone, more than a million Arab and non-Arab Muslims fought to bring their victory. In that war against Islam and Muslims, more than two hundred thousand Indian Muslims joined the British Army. In 1971 while the Indian infidels fought to dismantle the largest Muslim country of Pakistan, they were not alone either. Thousands of Bengali Muslims collaborated to bring the easy *kuffar* occupation. As a result of such collaboration, India emerged as a significant military power in South Asia. While the USA and its partners occupied and destroyed Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003, they were not alone either. The so-called native Muslims collaborated with the invaders to kill the Muslims. The catalogue of Muslims' crime against Islam and the Muslims thus goes on and on. As if, they fight only to please the proven enemies and not Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Before the European colonial occupation, it was unimaginable that the Muslims will run the judiciary according to laws that are incompatible with sharia. In those days, the Muslims didn't know any other law apart from sharia. In those days, the Muslims believed that departing from sharia means departing from Islam. Now, it is exactly the opposite; the Muslims are now practising the law that is known for non-compliance with sharia. Instead of fighting for getting closer to Islam and for the glory of the Muslims, they are moving towards the direction of surrender, decadence and humiliation.

The deprivation of the religious right

The Muslims are now deprived of religious right even in the Muslim lands. It is indeed the worst calamities of occupation by the secularist enemies of Islam. In the early days of Islam, the Muslims had to engage in bloody jihad to get their religious right from the *kuffar* occupiers. But now the so-called Muslim states under the so-called Muslim rulers do not provide any peaceful option to enjoy such right either. The Muslims fight wars, sacrifice life and build states -not only for voting rights, civic liberty and other worldly gains. These are not the distinctive specifics of a Muslim state. Even in *kuffar* states, one can enjoy plenty of such rights. The religious right of a Muslim doesn't entail only the right of religious rituals; it is much more than that. It is the full freedom to perform the full slavery to their Supreme Lord Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala –the sole reason for the creation of mankind. Such slavery to the Almighty Lord includes the full practice of His revealed law (sharia), *hudud*, *shura*, *khelafa*, jihad, Muslim unity and other obligatory Islamic fundamentals. The right to perform this Islamic obligation is a million times more important than other civic rights. Voting rights, economic rights or cultural rights wouldn't save humans from the hellfire. In absence of his full slavery to Almighty Allah, a Muslim runs the real risk of entering into hellfire –the holy Qur'an is very explicit on that. But how can a Muslim perform full slavery to his Supreme Lord when he is not allowed to practise sharia, get Qur'anic education and can't dismantle the divisive walls in the Muslim World? How can he claim to be a full Muslim when he can't establish *khilafa* and can't do jihad in His way? How and to what extent a non-sharia state differs from a pure *kuffar* state? All *kuffar* states are indeed non-sharia state; therefore there exists hardly any difference. The compliance with a non-sharia state is indeed a clear marker of deficiency in faith and a gross deviation from the Qur'anic straight path. Such deviation can only add more speed to the Muslims' ongoing downfall, and bring more disgrace and punishment both here and in the hereafter. Those who are really worried about life in the hereafter,

how they could be oblivious or callous about this serious issue?

In the days of rightly guided Caliphs, there was no electoral process like today; but the people enjoyed the full civic liberty as well as the religious right to practise full slavery to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Hence, they could invest their full physical and intellectual potentials to raise the finest civilisation on earth. But now, the situation has changed. In most Muslim countries, one can practise adultery, gambling, obscenity, usury and other evils but can't be a full Muslim! Restricted practices of slavery to one Almighty Allah –as is the norm in *kuffar* and secularist occupation, opens the flash gates of slavery to other evil forces. In the Muslim World, there exists the satanic rule of the tyrannical despots. It is an irony that the Muslims show more submission to these criminal despots than to the laws of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The voting rights of the common people now proved a mere façade for a more sinister agenda of the evil forces. Democracy, liberty and independence now look fake; these are only for the ruling criminals. The proven liars, killers, robbers, rapists, fraudsters, and manipulators enjoy a free rein to bully and bluff the people for easy electoral victory. An honest and propaganda-shy man can't compete with these devils. The evil-mongers could easily use the electoral process as a ladder to grab the topmost post.

It is an irony that the disease has also badly affected the people who believe in Islam and perform religious rituals. In them, the symptoms appear through the wrong set of their priorities. Even many pro-Islamic parties and their leaders are focused more on achieving voting and civic rights, and give little importance to getting the full religious rights. As if, getting a Muslim elected as the President of the country or becoming a minister or an MP is a great victory for Islam. It has proved to be a great distraction from the real Islamisation methodology –as prescribed in the Holy Qur'an and practised by the prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims. This is why, elections in Turkey, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Malaysia, and many other Muslim countries and the participation of the so-called Islamic parties didn't help to get the basic religious rights for practising the full slavery of Allah

Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Because of the failed strategy, the Islamic parties couldn't show any success to take politics, judiciary, administration, education and culture onto the Qur'anic roadmap. Therefore, even repeated exercise of voting rights does not help fulfil the core purpose of survival; rather strengthen and legitimise the secularists' occupation. Under such occupation, the whole state infrastructure does everything to take people to the hellfire. Therefore, what else could be the worst catastrophe for humans than such an evil occupation? Such occupation now survives in a Muslim country through Muslim vote, Muslim taxpayers' money and Muslim manpower!

The Objective of Ramadan & the Muslims' Failure

Assigned role and the failure

Significance of Ramadan can only be fully understood with the proper understanding of the purpose of human creation. The sole objective of Ramadan is to make believers intensely focussed cum engaged to that Divine objective; and such a relentless adherence to that objective is indeed the true expression of true *iman*. Those who stay away from Ramadan can't think of that. Allah SWT made it clear vis-à-vis His vision on human creation even before the creation of the first human. Men and women are created with the sole purpose that they would work as His *khalifa* on earth. *Khalifa* is a Qur'anic jargon; and it has a special meaning and context. The term *khalifa* is used to mean Allah SWT's viceroy on earth. It applies to all men and women of all colours and ethnicities. It is indeed the highest designation and honour that a man or woman can expect from his Creator. On the other hand, the Creator can delegate such a job of the greatest responsibility and honour only to those who are highly competent and trustworthy. In fact, Islam's obligatory rituals like five time prayer, month-long

fasting, haj and zakat are prescribed only to generate such competence and trust in believers.

Allah SWT used the narrative "*khalifa*" in the gathering of the angels to express His vision prior to the human creation. In the Islamic history, *kahalifa* has another connotation: to mean the prophet's representative after his death -working on his behalf as the ruler of the Muslim *ummah*. But for a lay man or a woman, the title delegates a binding responsibility to everyone. It is to work as Allah SWT's viceroy in the midst of billions of other creations. Hence, such a designation on behalf of the Almighty Creator tells a lot about the role that a Muslim must play in this world. Passing every moment on life with deep sense of such responsibility is indeed the expression of true faith (*iman*). Man and woman can attain the greatest honour both here and in the hereafter only through fulfilling such a role; and any betrayal of such role can only bring the promised disgrace in this world and take to the hellfire in the hereafter.

The term "*khalifa*" has other connotation. A *khalifa* can never be sovereign; can work only as the representative or viceroy of a sovereign ruler. The problems start when these *khalifas* turn sovereign and treacherous against their Almighty Employer. Autocracy is incompatible with Islam; this is indeed treachery against Allah SWT. Such treacherous viceroys always deserve the severest punishment. Allah SWT keeps His hellfire ready for such rebels –as revealed in the holy Qur'an. It is indeed the major crime of the today's Muslims that they are not playing their role as His viceroy. They have replaced Allah SWT's sovereignty by their own sovereignty. Even in countries where the elected parliament or President has replaced dictators, the same crime of claiming sovereignty is being committed by such elected institutions. Raising an army of faithful *khalifas* is immensely importance in any kingdom; it is also important in Allah SWT's kingdom. The British kings or queens ruled their occupied lands like India through such *khalifas* -called viceroys. These *khalifas* were known for their constant submission to the British crown. They were ready to do everything for the Crown, even would sacrifice their life in wars to protect the British interests. Shaitan too has such

khalifas and has production sites in every nook and corner to train such *khalifas*. These satanic institutions train them to make them perfect performer of the assigned jobs. Allah SWT too, wants to bring the glory of Islam through His *khalifas*. Ramadan indeed raises and trains such an army for His cause.

Humans have different colours, creeds and ethnicities. But they are indeed divided into two broad categories: either they belong to *khalifatullah* (viceroy of Allah) or to *khalifatus shaitan* (viceroy of Shaitan). They also follow two different roadmaps with two different destinations: the *siratul mustakeem* (*siratul mustaqeem*) toward heaven and the *siratul duallins* (deviant path) towards hell. In any political arena, the form two warring brands of parties: *hizbullah* (the party of Allah) and *hizbushshaitan* (the party of Shaitan). In the hereafter, these two brands of people will have two different labels too: *as'habul jannat* (the dwellers of haven) and *as'habun nar* (the dwellers of hellfire). *Hizbullah, hizbushshaitan, as'habul jannat and as'habun nar*: these are all Qur'anic vocabularies to carry a distinctive message for the whole mankind. In the holy Qur'an, there is no third category of people, nor does there exist any third type of abode. All states, societies and are indeed the constant battlefield of the two warring groups of *khalifas*. In such context of constant warfare, the month of Ramadan has a special significance. It provides the month-long intensive training schedule to raise the combative army of Allah. Shaitan has his own network of institutions: these are clubs, pubs, casinos, prostitutions, secular education, secular army, media and bureaucracy to raise his own army. Such institutions work day and night to distract people away from the *siratul mustaqeem* –as shown in the holy Quran.

The duty of Allah's *khalifa* is huge -as huge is the reward in return. Witnessing the oneness of Allah (SWT), performing obligatory rituals like five time prayers, fasting in Ramadan, doing haj and giving charity must help Muslims grow up as Allah SWT's *khalifa*: but these are not end in itself. A true Muslims' journey does not end in such rituals. One can play the true role of *khalifa* only through full engagement in His way with all possible physical, intellectual and

monetary potentials. It even needs full readiness to sacrifice his life; and the early days' Muslims are the perfect example. In return, Allah SWT promises them the unending pleasure in the paradise. To grow such Muslims, it needs Divine institutions and curriculum. The month-long fasting in Ramadan is indeed the part of such Divine curriculum.

Taqwa: the sole objective

The sole objective of fasting is to generate *taqwa*. Allah SWT revealed, "O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may attain *taqwa*" -(Sura Baqara: verse 183). To put more emphasis on it, Allah SWT has also revealed, "O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and do not die except in a state of Muslim (who surrenders fully to Allah)"-(Sura Al-Imran: verse 102). In the above verse, Allah SWT has asked to attain appropriate level of *taqwa*; and also warned not to die without being a Muslims i.e. without being in a state of full surrender to Allah SWT's orders. Hence it appears that *taqwa* is a key to enter jannah.

The question arises: what is *taqwa*? *Taqwa* is commonly understood to be the fear of Allah SWT. But what is the nature of such fear? Human beings fear so many things. They fear death, disease, financial loss, physical harm and loss of dignity, etc. Is it such fear? Such fear comes automatically to every soul. It does not need any Divine warning. Here *taqwa* has special meaning. It is the fear of disobedience to Allah SWT's commands. It is the fear of failing in *akhera*. It is fear of deviating from the *siratul mustaqeem*. When a man drives his car in a motor way he is constantly attentive to his correct driving. He understands that a slight deviation from the motor way would cause catastrophic disaster. For such disaster, it does not a minute, few seconds are enough. Hence, for every second of his journey, he is very mindful. This is his *taqwa* as a driver. And as a believer, he must show the same amount of awareness to adhere to every

segment of the Qur'anic road-map. Muslim must pass every day and night with the full remembrance of his duty to Allah and constantly following His sharia. His personal, familial, political, judicial, cultural and economic life must comply with the Qur'anic guidance. Any amount of disobedience to such guidance only subscribes to his disbelief and disobedience against Allah SWT. These are punishable crimes. He will be made accountable for such crimes in the day of judgement. Taqwa is the fear of such failing in the Day of Judgement. It is fear of failing to grow up as full Muslim. It is fear of failing to work as *anserullah*. It is fear of failing to discharge duties as *khalifatullah*. It is fear of failing to be the part of *hizbullah*.

How to build taqwa?

Mere belief in Allah (SWT) is not enough to build *taqwa*. Even before the birth of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), many people had the name like Abd Allah which means slave of Allah (SWT). But such naming did not make them Muslim, neither raise any taqwa in their heart. Mere *zikr* or remembrance of Allah (SWT) is not enough either. Millions of people recite tasbih (praises) and do *zikr*. Thousands of sufi khanqas are doing such tasbih and zikr day and night. But how much taqwa are being built through such *tasbih* and *zikr*? To build taqwa, Allah (SWT) has His own prescription. The prescription comes in the following verse: "O humans! Engage in *ibadah* to your Lord Who has created you and those before you so that you can attain *taqwa*" -(Sura Baqara, verse 21).

But what is the meaning of *ibadah*? *Ibadah* is an Islamic jargon which means full submission to the Lord Who is the sole creator of the whole universe. It is a total slavery. While the Qur'an was being revealed, *ibadah* or slavery was not a new word. The contemporary Arabs knew the full implication of becoming an abed (slave). It used to be considered a live-long fulltime engagement to the master. The slaves had no liberty to satisfy their own wish. They had only to fulfil their master's wish. Any amount of disobedience against the master was a serious offence. The master had the full right even to kill the rebellious slave. In those days, such punishment couldn't be

challenged in any court. Allah SWT wants such lifelong fulltime total commitment from His believer too. In return, He promises the endless bounties of the heaven. And the earlier Muslims fulfilled Allah (SWT)'s wish, indeed they were such perfect slave. Generating Taqwa is the prime goal of all sorts of ibada. Worshipping Allah SWT any form is a gateway towards acquiring taqwa. Hence, the verse has other implied message: *ibada* that does not enhance taqwa cannot be called as *ibada*. In such context, Ramadan has special place in Muslim life.

Since it increases the level of ibada, the chances are quite high that it will also increase the level taqwa.

Ibadah not only needs sincere intention, but also investment of time, energy, wealth, intelligence and even life. The value of *ibadah* depends on the degree of the investment; and taqwa develops in proportion to the level of investment. Salah, fasting and haj need invest of time, energy and money, but does not cost one's dearest life. But jihad in the way of Allah SWT needs full readiness to sacrifice life. Hence the highest amount of taqwa is build up in the field of jihad, and not in mosque, madrasa and sufi khanqa. This is why, the companions of the prophet (pbuh) attains the highest level of taqwa. They showed their all-time readiness to sacrifice their lives. In fact more than 70 % of them become martyr. Hence in martyrdom, the level of taqwa is so high that Allah SWT will honour them with direct access to heaven without any accountability. In countries where there exist no jihad; the people suffer from serious crisis of taqwa. Such people make records in corruption.

The engine of revolution

Taqwa doesn't survive silently in a believer's soul, rather shows forceful expression through the actions and the behaviour. It works as an engine of moral, cultural and political revolution. Establishment of an Islamic state by the early days' of Islam was indeed the manifestation of *taqwa*. If a Muslim fails to engage in such

revolution, then it raises doubt his *taqwa*. *Taqwa* propels believing men and women to strongly adhere to the Qur'anic guidance, hence generates full compliance with sharia. Therefore, presence of non-sharia law in a Muslim country is an incompatible anomaly. It is indeed a display of blatant disbelief. Absence of sharia in a country gives an accurate estimate that how far its inhabitants have deviated from the Divine roadmap. It is a clear betrayal of Allah SWT's objective. A true believer can't think of it: jihad instantly starts against such betrayal of Allah SWT. On the contrary, *taqwa* creates a strong urge in believers' heart and mind to search for more Qur'anic orders and the prophetic traditions to comply with. His vigilant mind stays fearful that some of commandments of Allah SWT may remain unpractised. Any non-compliance with the sharia law only exposes the hypocrisy. In the holy Qur'an, in sura Maida, Allah SWT has labelled them *kafir, fasik and jalem*. Such non-compliance was non-existent in early days' Muslims.

Taqwa has other forceful expressions. It inspires people to move beyond the ethnic, linguistic and geographic boundaries to embrace their fellow brothers in Islam and emerge as united political force. Hence dismantling the divisive boundaries of so-called nation states becomes a non-negotiable political agenda of the true believers. It becomes the part of their *iman*. Such pan-Islamic brotherhood was the most common ingredient of Muslims' politics in the early days, and made them the number one world power. Creating and continuing the divisions can only add humiliation –which is the major problem of the Muslims today. With such divisions, no amount of prayers will help them add any glory.

All over the world, millions of Muslims are fasting in Ramadan. Crores of people are attending five times daily prayers. Millions are performing haj. But where is *taqwa*? *Taqwa* must be visible in Muslim life through the full practise of Islam's own systems. But where is the compliance with the Islamic systems? Out of 57 Muslim countries, Allah SWT's sharia law does not exist even in one! Allah SWT has warned the Muslims not to be divided. But remaining divided has been the Muslims' politics and culture. Instead of having any remorse, in fact,

the Muslims are very proud of such division. They celebrate the creation of such division in the name of ethnic, tribal, linguistic and geographical nation states. Khelafa has been dismantled about 90 years ago by the hand of the secularist and nationalists enemies of Islam. But how many of the fasting men and women pay any heed to resurrection of this very fundamental Muslim institution? Khelafa also collapsed once in the past under the barbaric attack of Mongols on Baghdad. In the absence of khalifa, there was no jumma prayer in those days. The contemporary Muslims came to the forefront to resurrect this basic Muslim institution. But the present day Muslims have fully forgotten their duty and are happy with living in tiny nation states. The issue of khelafa and the Musliming unity are no matter in their life!

The most difficult task

Reconstructing human belief, behaviour and character has been always the most difficult task in human history. It is a huge job, needs to higher human and moral quality. Even thugs and murders like colonialists could build empires and bring industrial revolutions. But they utterly failed to bring any moral revolution. It needs not only Allah SWT's guidance, but also His persistence assistance. Human beings can grow up in billions, but very few are capable to grow up as true human. This is why the world is infested with blood-letting criminals, aggressors, occupiers and ethnic cleansers. In the past, Allah SWT had to send thousands of prophets with guidance to bring them to the right path. Calling the deviating people to the right path is Allah SWT's own mission. "Inn alinal huda": Certainly Muslims assigned mission: it brought moral and spiritual failure. The outcome is catastrophic. Civilisation fails, true religion get corrupted, humans become devils and the planet gets covered with human flesh and blood only due to such moral failure. Only in the last two World Wars, 75 million people were killed. And such killing machines are still active in different parts of the world. Moreover, such failure brings Divine punishment; both here and in the hereafter.

Humans are created with body and soul. Like human body, soul too needs regular feeding and training. Otherwise souls cannot survive to meet the enlightened human standard, rather becomes the nest of the Shatan and his ugly aspirations. And the nourishing feed for the soul comes only from the Divine knowledge and deep contemplation (tafaqquh). And the holy Qur'an is the source of such Divine knowledge. Hence the journey of Islam did not start with salah, fasting or haj, but with Divine knowledge –the revelation of the holy Quran. And here is the significance of holy month of Ramadan. It is attached to the most important event of human history. The greatest gift of Allah SWT came to the mankind in this holy month. The Qur'an shows the siratul mustaqeem. It is the rope of Allah SWT to connect the people with His guidance. And the month of Ramadan executes the Divine training to connect the true believers to their Great Lord, and provides the nourishing feed to their thirsty souls.

Human mind is very forgetful, as well as very ungrateful. Even many people forget their parents and show them ingratitude when they grow up as adult. They even forget their Creator too. As if the whole universe is created without a Creator. The holy Qur'an depicts revealing stories of such ugly forgetfulness and ingratitude. The story of Bani Israel is a perfect example. Allah SWT rescued the people of Bani Israel from Pharaohs' killing machine. He made a wide dry road in the middle of the sea to give them quick escape route. They were given shelter in Sinai desert under the canopy of thick cloud. Manna and salwa came down from the sky to feed them. They did not need to work for many years. But still they were very quick to forget the blessing of Allah SWT and made idol of a cow object of worship.

To keep humans the Divine path is not an easy job. Mere attendance to the church or synagogue weekly is not enough to do the job. Islam addresses the issue by intensive program around the year. It brings people five times a day to the mosque, takes them to the haj and makes

giving charity to the poor as an obligation. It has also prescribes jihad. In the holy month of Ramadan, such training gets more intense. Along with month-long fasting, this blessed month brings the regular spiritual feeding in other ways. It arranges long recitation of holy Qur'an in *tarabih prayer and also* encourages understanding of Qur'an individually. Islam thus imprints the Qur'anic knowledge and its Divine road map in the believers' heart. Moreover, this month has the blessed night of *lailatul qadr* –better than 1000 nights.

The betrayal

Despite all the blessings and intensive trainings, the Muslims still show betrayal of the assigned mission. They have failed to discharge their duty as Allah SWT's viceroy. But it is not the failure of Islam and its Divine prescriptions, rather the institutional failure of the Muslims countries. The recitation of holy Qur'an, the five times daily prayers, fasting in Ramadan and haj cannot achieve the goal on their own. It needs all inclusive institutional supports. Islamisation of people and the Islamisation of state are mutually contributory. One develops with the contribution from the other. It also needs to dismantle all elements of Satanic army and the devices that distract people from the *siratul mustaqeem*. It needs the full mobilisation of all societal, state and religious institutions to put their collective energy to keep the people in the right track. It also needs to destroy all the wrong tracks that are built to take people to the hellfire. Healthy living is impossible with the lethal bugs inside. Hence the prophet (pbuh) of Islam and the rightly guided khalifas did not allow any Satanic institutions to function inside the Islamic state. The prophets expelled all the Jewish people from the vicinity of Medina for their stubborn opposition to the Islamic state. But afterwards, the Muslims rulers became engaged only to protect their own rule. Rather they turned against Islam.

Building Islamic state and Islamisation of the state institutions are

not fanaticism –as labelled by the enemies, rather an indispensable Islamic need. To create and protect such a state, Jihad becomes an obligatory duty. A Muslim man or woman cannot fully practise Islam without the support of such state and state institutions. All state and non-state institutions must work together to spread Islam and protect the Muslims. It is so important that the prophet of Islam (pbuh) and his companions had to make heaviest sacrifices to make such a state. But such state and state institutions are non-existent today. Rather in most cases, these states and their institutions are working against Islam. Here lies the main difference between the early days' Muslims and the Muslims of today. It also displays the greatest failing of the modern days' Muslims. Hence, the Muslims are defenceless and Islam lost its past glory.

Allah SWT revealed not only the prayer rules, but also prescribed the judicial, political, economic and cultural rules. Sharia is Islam's judicial system and khilafa is its political system. And it has also a distinctive economic system which forbids usury, bribery, hoarding, trafficking, gambling, monopoly, oligopoly and capitalistic exploitation of the workers and the consumers. The Islam had its distinctive culture too. It forbids free mixing of sexes, extramarital sex, exhibitionism, obscenity, adultery, pornography and displaying any sort of vulgarity. It strongly prescribes strong family bondages, marital bondages, hijab, respect of elders and love for the youngsters. But, how much of these Islamic prescriptions are being practised in Muslim countries? Millions of Muslims keep fast and offer prayers with all such forbidden practices in their midst. Keeping intact the brothel houses, clubs, casinos and other institutions of sin have been the part of their economy. To make more money, the Muslim countries are inviting the sex-tourists from abroad to make use of their sea shores and the tourist spots. Thousands of non-government and government organisations are working in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia and other Muslim countries to teach the Muslim boys and girls how to dance, sing and entertain others. Is it the display of taqwa? What can be more betrayal of Allah SWT's

command? Only Shaitan and his friends can be happy with such projects of distracting the Muslim children from Islam.

The disease

Every disease has its underlying cause and the pathology. The absence of sharia, khelafa, Muslim unity, Islamic culture, Islamic education and Islamic economy is the proof of the catastrophic disease that has engulfed the whole Muslim world. These are the symptoms. But the real cause lies in the absence of Qur'anic knowledge and non-adherence to its teachings. The holy Qur'an is only recited, but not understood. Once it was a book of guidance, now it is a book of mere recitation. The present day Muslims study and take guidance from the books written by the kuffars. Those who have already decided not to take any guidance from Qur'an, do they feel any need to understand the holy Qur'an? The roadmap they are currently following in their politics, judiciary, culture, education, economy is not the same as was in the days of prophet (pbuh). Hence, the consequence is not the same either. They brought glory, and raised the finest civilisation on earth. But today's Muslim are adding only the disgrace. They spread Islam. But now, they spread corruption. Recitation of the holy Qur'an, five times daily prayers, fasting in Ramadan, haj and giving charity have turned only rituals, and generate little taqwa. This is the real problem of the Muslims. So, Ramadan is coming and going, but the Muslims seldom move any further with the sole purpose of their creation. 16/07/14; edited 29.05. 2019.

The Issue of Islamic State & the Muslims' Forgotten Priority

The greatest good deed

Any good deed -like building houses, hospitals, roads and industries for people, is definitely a good deed. Providing jobs, giving charity and protecting men and women from thieves and killers are also laudable good deeds. But the greatest good deed is to release people from the path of hell and guide them towards the path of paradise - called Siratul Mustaqeem. It saves people not only from an eternal torment in the blazing hellfire, but also takes them to a blissful place in the haven. It is indeed the greatest prophetic job. It is a huge job and also the most difficult job. Billions of tons of gold can't match its worth. Surprisingly, nobody pays money or appreciation for that job. Rather, in all ages -as it is today, met with the severest form of resistance from all sorts of evil forces. Because, Satan, too, survives in all ages to promote his sinister design. A coalition of satanic forces has always there to undo such job.

Only the greatest people -like the Divine prophets and their faithful companions, could take that as a life-long mission to do the job. Because of the coalition of the evil forces, no man or an institution can't do the job alone. Even the most successful man in human history in doing the job -Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), couldn't do it alone. He also needed a powerful Islamic state and its huge infrastructure. In fact, as per Divine guidance, he needed to build such a state himself and also worked as the head of such a state. For building and protecting such a state, he had to make relentless efforts, raise an army of committed people and engage in an incessant war. In fact, making such an Islamic state is the greatest *sunnah* cum legacy of the final prophet of Islam.

State is the most powerful human institution on earth. Its

constructive as well as corruptive and destructive power is immense. If the state raises barrier against the path towards paradise, no individual can remove it. It possesses the most massive tools like educational institutes, media, administrative bodies and political outfits to enforce cultural and ideological engineering. It can make even the most intelligent citizens of a country to accept the worst tyrant like Pharaoh as a god and Hitler as a leader. Moreover, the state institutions possess the unfettered power to commit massive war crimes and even nuclear crimes. This is why, all satanic forces use this corruptive and coercive power of the states as a tool to corrupt people's mind. Such state-power and state-owned institutions make it easy to take people to the hell-fire. Therefore, without the full control over the state power, the social, religious or spiritual change of the people is a wishful thinking.

The greatest legacy & the betrayal

What could be the greatest *ibada* (servitude) to Allah SWT and the most beneficial service to the mankind than snatching this powerful tool like statecraft from the possession of Satanic forces of evil? The prophet didn't allow such a crucial tool to stay in their hands. Taking its control in the Muslim hands was indeed the most important priority of Prophet Muhammad (peace upon him) and the early Muslims. While the Prophet (peace upon him) migrated to Medina, he didn't build his own house, rather raised the foundation of the Islamic state on day one. Prophet's mosque in Medina started to work as the administrative as well as the secretarial Head Quarter of the Islamic state. And it continued to do so till the last day of his rule. Thus, he laid the foundation of the Islamic civilisation –the finest civilisation in the whole human history. Thus he showed to his followers of all ages, what should be the highest priority in Muslims' life. But such priority now stays fully forgotten in Muslims' psyche. What else could be worst betrayal of Prophet's Sunnah than this? And how could the Muslims expect any success or mercy from Allah SWT here and in hereafter with such blatant betrayal of the prophet?

State-building for an Islamic cause never happen peacefully. Evil forces find their death in it; hence enemy's war become unavoidable.

The prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) with his highest moral height and peaceful gesture couldn't win the heart of the enemies. Annihilating the Islamic state at its nascent state was the common strategy of all evil forces of Arabia –as it is now globally. Therefore, every Muslim had to take the challenge seriously. Not a single Muslim stayed away from the fight; in fact, engaging against the enemies was taken as a marker of *iman*. Whoever disengaged, was labelled as *munafiq* (hypocrite). Sacrificing time, money, intellectual abilities in building and defending the Islamic state was considered the greatest good deed on earth. In fact, more than 70 percent of the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) sacrificed their lives for defending such an Islamic state. The Muslims could raise greatest power in the contemporary world only because of their huge sacrifices. But how many Muslims are following such a route today? Even not one in a million! This is indeed the seminal cause of the Muslims' failure today. And, it is the most distinctive point of difference between the early Muslims and today's Muslims.

The missing Islamic state and the calamity

The Muslims have now have 57 states, millions of mosques, and hundreds of thousands of schools and colleges. Since the states are secular; the state-run institutions are also secular. This goes diagonally opposite to the prophetic tradition. A train engine can't fit into a car. Similarly, people with secular mind set can't fit into Islam. The secular institutions –established by kuffar colonialists, could produce huge number of economic and political animals, but unable to produce Muslims with true faith. This is indeed the key problem of the Muslim World. Such a huge number of institution couldn't make the Muslims closer to *siratul mustaqim*. As a result of such a detachment from the Qur'anic road map, they can't practise sharia either! Whereas, it is explicitly mentioned in the holy Quran that those who don't adhere to sharia are indeed *kafir* (disbeliever), *zaleem* (oppressor) and *fasic* (sinner) -as revealed in Sura Maida, verse 44, 45 and 47. Kuffar-made law in courts tells a lot about the Muslims' faith. Faith needs to be expressed through practice. Otherwise, it is sheer hypocrisy. How is it possible that a Muslim declares his or her

faith in Allah SWT but practise laws prescribed by the *kuffars*? Awfully, it is the norm in almost all the Muslim countries!

Nothing can be a substitute of an Islamic state and its institutions. In fact, Islam can't be fully practised without an Islamic state. Such a failure makes the Muslims face to face with the catastrophic crisis. It takes away the key of any success from the Muslims' hands. Since victory and honour come only from Allah SWT, full practice of Islam is crucial. Without practising Islam, how can they expect blessing from Allah SWT? It make one fully unfit for His mercy. And, without His mercy, how can they expect victory and honour in this world and in the hereafter?

Even the enemies of Islam understand the power of an Islamic state. This why, they don't put any bar to build mosques, schools and colleges in any Muslim land, but start bombing and turn cities into rubbles when attempts are made to build an Islamic state. It is an irony that most of the Muslims don't understand the significance of an Islamic state. Nor do they understand the dire consequence of its imposed absence. So, they could easily ignore the greatest legacy of the prophet (peace be upon him). Rather, they could even stand shoulder to shoulder with the *kuffars* to annihilate such a state. Thus, they prove, how fake is their belief in Islam; and how deceitful is their love for the *sunna* of the prophet (peace be upon him). Whereas, Satan and his every agent on earth understands the true strength of an Islamic state. This is why, the enemies who have read the Islamic history and possess venom against the Muslims –as they had during their colonial days, show their readiness to dismantle any Islamic state in any part of the world. Can a Muslim sustain his or her *iman* if stay silent or aloof in such an aggressive war against Islam and the Muslims? 15.03.2019

The Most Important Issue in Life

How important is the important issue?

Like a piece of melting ice, our expected days of life are shrinking each day. But surprisingly, many people live and end this life without knowing its ultimate purpose! They even don't know the most important issue of life! They exactly resemble a man who drives his car days and nights without knowing the real goal and the road-map. Whatever efforts he puts only help expedite his journey towards a wrong destination. Are we among them? A good job, a nice house, good food and professional skills are mere means of our survival. But it is most important to live this life to meet its assigned purpose. Even in ancient ages, people showed wonderful skills. They built pyramids, raised huge walls on mountains and preserved the decaying dead for millenniums. But awfully, their problems started when they lived a life with deception and missed its real purpose. The same problem is eating into our own life even today. We still risk being wholly lost and consumed for mere survival, and failing to meet the real objective of our creation. This is why our amazing scientific achievements could not bring sanity to our wisdom! So, we the humans could kill more than 75 million people in the last two World Wars, and still keeping our killing machine constantly active in many lands.

Such moral failures owe to our failure in understanding some basic questions that directly relate to our life. Where did we come from? Why to sustain our worldly life and how to lead it? Where do we go from here in this world? Who is our Creator? Will we face punishment for our failures and wrongdoings? How to judge our wrongs and good deeds? How to define our ultimate failure and the success? What is the most original truth that survives through the whole length of the history? These questions raise the most basic and decisive issue in

life. The human values, culture, behaviour, actions and attitude are all indeed dependent on the understanding of such issues. It is here that the holy Qur'an plays the most pivotal role. It provides the understanding that brings the paradigm shift in human life; and shows path and light towards the ultimate success.

The most original Truth

The long history of mankind reveals some unique truth. Although the tools, the people, the lands and languages differ in different ages, the truth that was professed by the prophets like Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus and others (peace be upon all of them) was exactly the same. While the scientists living in the same campus can't conform to the same opinion on so many issues, it is astonishing that these disconnected prophets living in different ages and lands could possess exactly the same opinion on so many issues like the Creator, the hereafter, creation of man, the day of judgement, the accountability, the hell, the heaven and so many other issues. Indeed, this is the most amazing feature and the most valuable legacy of the human history. The uniqueness of this truth owes to its unique source, the Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. We are not the accidental outcome of a cosmic event, rather highly planned and perfect creation of the All-powerful and All-knowing Creator. It is indeed the common truth that was expressed in the Divine chain of the prophethood.

The Divine road-map

Allah – the Creator knows the inadequacies of humans. Man can think, imagine and innovate, but cannot invent a road-map for attaining the ultimate success and the right destiny in the paradise. Here, the knowledge of the unseen and the unpredictable is indispensable. So, this is an exclusive domain of Allah – the All-knower. So Allah reveals, "Guiding (man) is my responsibility" (The Qur'an, chapter 92, verse 12). This is why, with the creation of man, the Almighty Lord sent down His prophets and the Divine guidance. So, the first man on

earth himself was also the first prophet. Noah, Abraham (Ibrahim), Jacob (Yaqoob), Isaac (Ishmail), Moses (Musa), Jesus (Issa) (peace be upon all these prophets) were indeed the mentioned few in a chain of more than a hundred thousand. And they preached the same Divine truth. Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) was the last prophet in that Divine chain. And the holy Qur'an is the final book of guidance for those who believe (Chapter 2, verse 2). Indeed, the holy Qur'an is the perfect navigation tool to show the right path called *Siratul Mustaqeem* towards paradise. Those who follow it, can't miss the destination. Without this true guidance, one can only reach the hellfire. Hence, nothing can be more crucial and valuable than the gift of the holy Qur'an from Allah Subhana wa Ta'la.

Islam is not the religion of Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) alone. Rather, it is the religion of all the prophets through all ages. He is the last prophet; and the Holy Qur'an is the last commandment. "There is none worthy of worshiping except Allah and Mohammad (peace be upon him) is the last messenger" is its core concept. With the revelation of the Holy Qur'an, not only chain of prophethood came to an end, but also the Divine guidance reached its perfection and completion. So the Holy Qur'an says, "This day, I have perfected your religion for you (the mankind), and completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion". (Chapter 5, verse 3). With seal of the prophethood, the Holy Qur'an also warns, "In the court of Allah, Islam is the only acceptable religion" (Chapter 3, verse 19).

The plain and consistent Truth

Is it rationale to believe that someone's sins will be pardoned by other's suffering? Neither it is sensible, nor justifiable. Every man and woman is accountable for his or her own deed, and would be rewarded or punished accordingly. Simplicity, consistency and sensibility are the core essence of the Divine Truth. Allah has no partner, nor any son, daughter or minister. The concept of trinity, the Holy Ghost and the son of the Almighty are totally incompatible

with the Divine Truth. Islam prohibits adultery, drinking alcohol, gambling and other sins – as were practised by Abraham, Moses and Jesus (peace be upon all of them). Islam thus upholds the Divine revelation free from corruption. Idolatry represents the ancient ignorance and falsehood; how it can be a choice for the wise and enlightened man? Faiths like Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Sikhism, Taoism and others also fail to show any reliable Divine connection.

The most rational

Doesn't it beggar belief that this vast universe and its men and women, plants and animals, planets and galaxies were created mere accidentally? Can an accident or millions of accidents in the universe or natural evolution create such a beautiful world with its billions of most delicate and complex livings and non-livings? Could science ever prove such accurate creativity of an accident? Doesn't it beggar belief that this vast universe and its men and women, plants and animals, planets and galaxies were created mere accidentally? Could science ever prove such accurate creativity of an accident? Can the extremely complex make-up of the human brain, the functioning of heart, lung and other body-organs, the creation and maintenance of body's millions of cells and the cellular ingredients, the delicate construction of beautiful flowers and millions of other creations be the outcomes of accidents? Can a rational man believe that accidents could generate an evolutionary process to develop the mankind, the universe and the millions of other wonderful creations in their present forms?

The only road for the ultimate success

Men and women are created with a definite purpose. The holy Qur'an tells about the purpose and thus reveals, "He is Allah, Who has created death and life to test who among you is good in deeds"–(Chapter 62, verse 2). Therefore, this world is virtually an examination hall; here all men and women are indeed assigned with

specific tasks. Like any exam, here it counts every minute. So, a wise man cannot disengage from such prescribed tasks, nor can engage in tasks that would not please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, rather would bring His punishing wrath. He is required to put his every effort and potential to accomplish the job in the best possible way. For that, the holy Qur'an is the Divine guide. It is the Book of sure success; and has been described as the best Divine blessing for the mankind. It helps not only to know the nature of the Divine assignment for every man and woman, but also shows ways to do things with highest perfection. Since, it is impossible to pass the test without following this Divine guidance, it is the Divine obligation to understand it. The early Muslim fulfilled the obligation; as a result, they could achieve the most spectacular success within a short period of time. Their success still stays unparalleled in the whole human history.

The question arises, what is our own response vis-à-vis this highest blessing of our Almighty Creator? For passing even a school or college exam, a student needs to master in the prescribed text books. The holy Qur'an is the prescribed text Book to help humans pass the exams in the worldly life. The question arises, do we wish to pass the exams without adherence to the text Book? Is not a sheer arrogance against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His blessings? It is indeed a wake-up call to come to the true sense. We must realise the importance of the success in this Divine test and the indispensability of Divine guidance. If we fail, that will cause catastrophic failures both here and in the hereafter. As a result, hellfire will be the ultimate abode. Other books and road maps have already shown their utter worthlessness; these could only breed more deception, failures and tragedies on the earth. And also possess more awful to offer in the hereafter. So, isn't it the best option to follow this Divine roadmap?

The holy Qur'an is the book of Guidance for the whole mankind. Its ownership belongs only to Allah. All the humans on earth can be its rightful beneficiaries. Our success indeed lies on our own success to know and follow this Divine roadmap. In fact, knowing and following the Divine guidance is the most important singular task in humans' life. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala sent prophets not to teach any science, technology or skills but to emphasise on this most important issue. If we fail in the assigned task, the life will meet the ultimate failure in the hereafter. No other success in other areas can help rescue from the failure. Therefore, shouldn't we invest our own time, energy and intellectual abilities to know and follow this prescribed guidance of the Almighty Creator?

The Muslims' Past Glory & the Current Downfall: A Short Review

The victory & the precondition

The history is very revealing to tell how Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala brought victory to a small Army of the believers against a huge Army of the evil forces. The believers' investment of time, talent, wealth and life in His Way doesn't work alone; the Almighty Allah's own investment also comes very quickly to their side. The mighty angels and other blessing of the Almighty Lord descend down to help them. In the past, even tiny birds called *ababil* turned into precision bombers and the pebbles became destructive shells to decimate King Abraha's huge contingent of elephants –as narrated in Sura Fil in the holy Qur'an. As a result, the promised victory and glory came to them; and *khilafa*, *sharia*, *hudud*, *shura*, justice and other

basics of Islam could get rightly established in the newly launched Islamic state. Hence it is clear that one can't be a full Muslim, nor can be the part of the Divine mission by mere participation in rituals like 5 times prayer, fasting in Ramadan, haj or spending money for the poor. Fighting in the way of Almighty Lord must go side by side with these obligatory rituals –as was seen in the early days of Islam. In fact, fighting in His way is the highest act of piety that pleases Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la the most -as mentioned in the holy Qur'an: "Surely Allah loves those who fight in His way in ranks as if they were a cemented wall." –(Sura Saf, verse 4).

But today, the Muslims live with a different brand of faith, objective, politics and culture. Their faith doesn't recognise any deal with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la; nor does incorporate any fighting in His cause. The government media, the textbooks and the so-called *ulama* of the Muslim countries are busy to hide those Qur'anic verses from the public eyes. As a result, the basics of Islam like sharia, khilafa, hudud, trans-ethnic Muslim unity and jihad have no place in the lives of the most of the Muslims. The betrayal of the deal is so explicit that fighting in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has no place in the list of their priorities. Rather they have forged bondage with invading enemies –as evidenced by the presence of thousands of Turkish, Afghan, Albanian and other Muslims in the NATO forces. For certain time, one of the Turkish Generals even hold the position of the commander of the occupying NATO forces in Afghanistan and led the killing of Muslims there.

The detachment & the changed priority

The Muslims have grown only in number, but not in *iman* and good deeds. The Qur'anic text of the transaction with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la doesn't work in their heart and mind. Hence, they feel free from any bondage or agreement with the Almighty Lord. Because of such detachment from the Divine Deal, they

now live with different priority. They set their priority linked with their family, race, language, tribe, and geographical entity. Agenda of bringing glory to Islam enjoy hardly any place in the new set of the priorities. Because of de-Islamisation of agenda, they do not feel restrained to get closer to the enemies of Islam. Instead, they even become partner in their war of occupation, death and destruction in the Muslim lands. Thus their fake claim of *iman* get easily exposed. Those who helped the *kuffar* invasion of Bengal in 1757 and 1971, Middle East in 1917, Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003 were not the idol-worshipping infidels. Rather, they were the fake Muslims who possessed no feeling or respect for the Muslims' life, honour, interest or independence. Because of such moral and spiritual death, hundreds of thousands of the Arab, the African and the Indian Muslims fought in the British, French and Italian Armies as mercenary in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. They think, rituals like 5 times prayer, month-long fasting in Ramadan, charity and haj are all about Islam. As if, the holy Qur'an doesn't give any political guidance vis-à-vis warfare and the selection of friends and foes. As if, they are free to select even the *kuffars* as friend and fight with them to kill the Muslims. Islam -as was practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims stands totally foreign to them. As a result, the societies or the states they have built are grossly dissimilar to that of the prophet (peace be upon him). Rather stand very similar to those of the contemporary *kuffars*: with secularism, nationalism, racism, capitalism and the *kuffar* law in the heart. Thus, the continuation with the gross deviation from the Qur'anic straight path becomes the norm in the Muslim World. Hence the city life and culture of Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Beirut, Cairo, Istanbul with their pubs, clubs and casino are little different from that of London, Paris, Rome or New York.

The forgotten benchmark

The deal with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la sets the bench mark of a true Muslim. He needs to be a full *Muslim* not only in name and rituals, but also in faith, dedication and action. Because of fake belief and treacherous acts, even five times prayer behind the prophet (peace be upon him) in prophet's mosque in Medina couldn't help the hypocrites to become true Muslim. The word "Muslim" means who fully submits to the revealed wishes, rules, and guidance of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It is a life-long commitment. Hence, in the time of prophet (peace be upon him), a Muslim was not only a symbol of a humble man engaged in prayer, pilgrimage, charity and other good deeds, but also a model of steadfast fighter against the enemies of Islam.

Every word, every pledge and every declaration of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la in the holy Qur'an has a serious binding on a believer. It doesn't need any repetition of an order again and again to make any deed obligatory; simple announcement in the Qur'an is enough for that –as has been the case of obligatory rituals like 5 times prayer, fasting in Ramadan, performance of haj and deliverance of charity. To add an extra importance to His pledge, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has incorporated a word "*inna*" (means: certainly) in the beginning of the verse 111 of Sura Taubah. To reinforce the pledge further, the Almighty Lord has also invoked the names of three Divine books like Taurat, Injeel and Qur'an in the same verse. Thus the most power deal of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la was made public to the benefit of the true believers.

The neglected change-maker

The holy Qur'an worked as the most powerful change maker in Muslim life. But now the Muslims stand disconnected from this powerful engine. Only a single verse of 185, Sura Baqara, made a month-long fasting in Ramadan obligatory; and didn't need a second verse to emphasize its importance. Similarly, above mentioned single verse of Sura Taubah was enough to bring an overwhelming conceptual shift in the Muslim mind vis-à-vis their role on earth. The pledge of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala thus worked as the greatest change-maker in the whole human history. For any societal or civilizational change, such a ground-breaking conceptual shift is indispensable. The earth is not flat, rather round -such a discovery of Copernicus laid the foundation of Europe's huge political, territorial and material gain and gave Europe a quick global domination. Because, the new concept of a globular shape of earth prompted Cristopher Columbus to navigate westward to find a shorter route to India. While searching a new route for India, he instead discovered America. Thus he opened a gateway to add enormous material splendour to Europe. The Muslims' glory in the past also owes to such a huge paradigm shift. The holy Qur'an could successfully raise a new conceptual base in the Muslim mind. The new concept brought a ground-breaking revolution vis-à-vis humans' understanding on the ultimate fate. It reconfirmed the resurrection of every man and woman after the death, the accountability in the hereafter and abode in the paradise or in the hellfire. In the new conceptual premise, the worldly life is viewed only as a short exam period to qualify for the paradise. And an abode in the paradise is considered the greatest achievement in life; and hellfire comes as the punishment.

The new conceptual revolution instilled a new set of priorities in the Muslim mind. Whatever Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la wishes got the topmost importance; and the personal

agenda wasn't given any preference to that. In the deal, Allah Subhana wa Ta'la asks not only to slay His enemies; but also ask to be slain in His way. So the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) showed an exceptional valour not only to kill the enemies of Islam, but also to embrace martyrdom. Khaled bin Walid was a great hero of Islam; he is recognised as a famous war strategist of exceptional talent. He led Muslim Armies so many times to victory. He could kill numerous enemies, too. But he couldn't be killed in the cause of Islam; that very point remained a source of his deep frustration in later years. Such a conceptual state of the believers tells a lot about the impact of the Qur'anic deal on the psyche of the early Muslims. Many other verses of the holy Qur'an reinforces the same spirit. For example: "O you who believe! Shall I guide you to a trade that will save you from a painful punishment? (It is that) you believe in Allah and His messenger and do jihad in the way of Allah with your wealth and your lives. That is the best for you if you could know."- (Sura Saf, verse 10-11). It is also revealed, "Therefore, let those fight in the way of Allah, who sell their worldly life for the hereafter; whoever fights in the way of Allah, then he be slain or be victorious, We shall grant him mighty reward."- (Sura Nisa, verse 74). Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la also asks the Muslims to examine their own compliance with the Divine decree. Hence they are asked, "And what is (the matter) with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and (for) the oppressed among men, women and the children who say, "Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper" -(Sura Nisa, verse 74).

The deal with Satan!

Islam stands firmly on some fundamental pillars of faith; a Muslim can't grow up as a true Muslim with compromises on those basics. Any amount of compromise on those basics are not

trivial; these are grave sins that reveals detachment from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The deal with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la means strong attachment with the Qur'anic roadmap and jihad in His way. The Qur'anic straight path is only one; all other paths are the Satanic deviation. The Qur'anic straight path exists not only in prayers, but also in politics, warfare, trade, education, culture and all other aspects of life. Hence, there is no scope of deviation in any arena of life; deviation means following the Satanic roadmap. Then, the journey starts towards the hell fire. The political and military pledges with the Satanic forces on earth are indeed the markers of such deviation.

The deviants don't move alone; rather take other people to the hellfire, too. Hence, in Islam, it is the greatest jihad not only to defend the geographical frontiers of an Islamic state, but also to protect the ideological purity of Islam and save people from Satanic truck. But the Muslims have terribly failed on both the counts. The mission of great prophets like prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and prophet Isa (peace be upon him) collapsed mostly due to ideological corruption of their Divine teachings. Due to such corruption, monotheism of prophet Isa (peace be upon him) turned to polytheism with a deceptive façade of so-called trinity. And sharia –as delivered to prophet Musa (peace be upon him) as Ten Commandments remains captive in the Book of Torah and didn't receive any chance for implementation.

Immunizing against Islam

The Muslims now face the same evil strategy of the same enemy who corrupted the Divine faith of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and Prophet Isa (peace be upon him). The several-century-old war of these enemies not only aim at occupying and exploiting the Muslim land, but also at corrupting and dismantling the core elements of Islamic faith. As the

colonial occupation got its grip on the Muslim World, the sharia-based judiciary along with the Islamic education was dismantled. The enemy used the whole education system as a tool of immunising people against Islam; hence those who received education in the colonial institutions become the hard core opponents to Islam. They easily became Trojan horses cum political agents of their colonial masters. Because of them, growing up as full Muslim, practising full Islam and implementation of obligatory sharia remained impossible even in the Muslim majority countries.

The colonial occupation has ended long ago. But, the colonial legacy still survives with greater ferocity –as seen in Islamabad (Lal Masjid, July 2007), Dhaka (Shapla Roundabout, Dhaka, May, 2013) and Cairo (Rabaa Al-Adawiya, August, 2013) by the secularised Army's mass-slaughtering of unarmed Islamists. In fact, the new occupation of Muslim lands under the home-grown de-Islamised Trojan horses now goes unfettered. Hence, under this new occupation, more wine shops, more brothel houses, more casinos, more obscene sea beaches, more interest-based banking, more enforcement of *kufr* laws and more public shows of vulgarity are visible in the Muslim. On the other hand, basics of Islam like sharia, hudud, shura, Muslim unity, jihad have become invisible. As a result of long *kufr* indoctrination during the colonial era, most of the Muslims have forgotten the most basic element of *iman* that entails abiding by the solemn transaction with Allah Sub'han wa Ta'la. Such a binding deal has gone completely to oblivion. As a result, fighting in His way is no more a part of their political, ideological or cultural roadmap. And the very few those who still try to fight in His way have fully forgotten that fighting in His way means fighting for His sharia, hudud, *khilafa*, justice and trans-ethnic Muslim civilizational state. Such gross derailment from the Qur'anic straight path can only expedite further disaster and downfall. And the Muslims are indeed in the midst of that. 18/12/2016

The Qur'anic Strategy against the Evil & the Strategy of Treachery of the Muslims

The treachery

The several hundred years' downhill course of the Muslims hasn't ended yet. Rather, has gained new speed to take them to a new low. The ongoing deaths, rapes, destruction, occupation, and cleansing of the native Muslims are setting context for further decimation and humiliation of the Ummah. A new generation of Sykes and Picot (*Sykes and Picot* -the two insiders of the British and the French colonial establishment who drew the current map of the disintegrated Middle East at the time of World War I) are drawing up a new map for further fragmentation of the Muslim heart land to fit into their new imperialistic agenda. Scores of Sharif Hussain (*Sharif Hussain: the Ottoman Governor of Hejaz who betrayed the khalifa and worked with the British Army in 1917 to bring colonial occupation that caused creation of Israel and fragmentation of the Middle East*) are already working with the new brands of Lawrence of Arabia (*Lawrence: a British Army Officer, known for his deceitful role in igniting the Arabs revolt against Osmania khilafa*) to prolong the new colonial occupation of the Middle East.

Now, the success of the enemies is so huge that true Islam -as revealed in the holy Qur'an and practised by the holy prophet (peace be upon him) and the early Muslim, exist nowhere in the Muslim World. It is indeed the number one failure of about 1.5 billion Muslims. The failure is so total that one can discover only from history book that sharia, shura, hudud, khilafa,

justice based on Qur'anic law, trans-ethnic Muslim brotherhood and jihad in the way of Almighty Allah were the integral part of the golden early days of Islam. It is worth noting that today's Muslims are little concerned about such missing fundamentals of Islam; rather show violent incongruity cum enmity against any attempt of revival of such obligatory Islamic basics –as Islamists are facing under the secularists' occupation in many Muslim countries. In such a state of abrogation of sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, jihad and other basics of Islam, how a Muslim -who has an iota of love for his Almighty Allah can pass a single day or night with mental peace and complacency. Becoming a Muslim means to be an exclusive member of the party of Allah –the Almighty Lord. And it is a total commitment. That implies that he must dedicate his time, energy, money and even life so that His *deen* (the code of life) prevails over all the different brands of falsehood. Therefore, how can he join the secularist, nationalist, monarchist, socialist or imperialist camps to fight their wars against Islam? But it is the stern reality that there exist hundreds of thousands people in the Muslim World who are working hand in hand with the foreign infidels to fulfil their anti-Muslim agenda. These home-grown Trojan horses are working since the colonial era. The ongoing decline of the Muslim *Ummah* indeed owes to these inimical insiders.

It is not difficult to understand that a catalogue of causes worked together to bring down the Muslims to the current quagmire. But the root cause is the betrayal of the core agenda of the Muslims' survival –prescribed by Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la in the holy Qur'an. Here, the crime is huge; it is indeed the ugliest treachery against the greatest transaction that has ever been made by Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la with any people. The text of the transaction comes as follows: "Surely Allah has purchased from the believers their life and their property for this that they shall have the paradise; and they fight in Allah's way, so that they kill and get killed; a promise which has been binding on Him in the Taurat, and the

Injeel and the Qur'an; and who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah? Therefore, rejoice in the pledge which you have made (with your Lord); and that is the greatest achievement."—(Sura Taubah, verse 111).

The Divine transaction

The value of the above deal can't be measured in material term. Mountains of gold can't get near to its worth; its value is invaluable. In the above deal, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la pledges to offer a house in the paradise. A house in the paradise can't be bought even by trillion tons of gold; can only be earned by full belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and sacrificing the wealth and life in full practice of His *deen* (the Qur'anic code of life). Thus, has been kept within in the reach of a very poor man. The transaction between Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and the believers worked successfully in the days of the early Muslims; and had the ground breaking impact. As a result, the deal could accomplish the finest and the most remarkable revolution not only Muslims' personal life but also in the whole human history.

The whole focus of survival of these early Muslims was only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Therefore, they could build the unshakable moral force; and could raise an army of the death-defying people to fight the evil forces. Their success was huge. Not only they could eradicate the evil forces from a large part of the world, but also could raise the finest civilisation on earth. Changing people's faith, culture, ideology and the life style is the most formidable task in any segment of history; even cow, snake or idle worshiping paganism causes more intense and more durable addiction than the strong narcotics.

There is no substitute of a powerful fighting force. Without such a strong force, even the best man on earth and his most

truthful ideology can't get any place on earth. In fact, in absence of such a force, the great messengers like Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), Prophet Musa (peace be upon him), and Prophet Issa (peace be upon him) couldn't prevail over the contemporary evil forces. Whereas, the most evil ideologies of the human history like colonialism, imperialism, nationalism, racism, fascism, communism and paganism could make history of long-lasting successes because of strong army. In such context, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) set an exemplary example how to raise an army to serve the cause of the divine Truth and defeat the evil forces. Which is why he stands as the best model for the mankind in all aged.

The Islamic strategy

The followers of the wicked ideologies never give any space for Islam. The history is full of such wickedness. In order to eradicate these horrendous criminals, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'al has His own strategy. He wants to cut the roots of these evil mongers not by the angels but by the hands of those who join His Army of the believers. The holy Qur'an is very explicit on this issue. To execute that strategy, Jihad in His Way thus gets obligatory on all believers. Such a strategy has been repeatedly mentioned in the holy Qur'an. And for raising such a Divine Army, the deal between Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and the believer –as revealed in Sura Taubah, indeed works as a recruitment tool. Whoever fulfils the deal, gets the promised key for the paradise. Since no man or woman has ever seen the paradise, it is beyond humans' ability to make a genuine guess on the gain of a believer in the transaction. It is an exclusive domain of All-Knowing Allah Sub'hana wa Tala; and the All-Knowing Lord describes it as the greatest achievement for a believer. The gain is so huge that Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la asks every deal-making believer to celebrate it. The above verse thus makes a ground-breaking impact on the conceptual premise of a true believer. It creates a tremendous

moral cum spiritual force in him; could even make him a moving missile into the thick of an enemy army. Since his life and wealth are already sold-out to his Almighty Lord, a Muslim has nothing to lose in jihad; rather gets a chance to win a huge world of plenitude both here and in the hereafter. Thus the deal works as a powerful incentive to drive him directly into the paradise. This is why only three thousands Muslims could face more than one hundred thousand Roman soldiers in the battle of Muthah. And only 17 Muslim soldiers could free the huge state of Bengal from the *kuffar* occupation in the early year of thirteenth century.

Humans are always moved and motivated by the prospect of better gains. Such a core element of human character is not unknown to the All-Knowing Creator. If a man is given a salary of 20 million instead of 20 thousands, then the most powerful incentive comes to his heart. His devotion, dedication and love for doing the job get sky high. He will do everything to please his paymaster. Every quality moment of his life, every best bit of his talent and every skill under his possession will be invested to improve the performance. In fact, all of his physical, intellectual and professional abilities will be deployed to please his employer. He will not leave the job at his work station; rather will carry it in his head even while he is in the living room, bedroom or in the kitchen. Even while walking in the street or driving the car or taking food and drinks, the same thought that how to excel in doing the job works in his mind. If needed, he will not hesitate to sacrifice even his life. Even for a salary of few hundred pounds, thousands of Arab, African and Indian mercenaries fought bloody wars and even sacrificed their lives for their British, French or Italian colonial masters -especially in the two World Wars. Due to such human nature, culture of mercenarism flourished even in the Muslim lands. Even now, hundreds of thousands of so-called Muslims work as mercenaries to sustain the enemy occupation in the Muslim lands.

The compliance & the glory

The Muslims attained the highest glory in the whole history. But such glory didn't descend on them from the sky like *manna* and *salwa*. It is indeed the reward of full compliance with the deal that Allah Sub'hana wa ta'la made with the believers. They will receive more reward in the hereafter. The worth of the deal can't be measured by trillions of dollars or mountains of gold; one can't put any value on the heavenly gain. It is invaluable. A drop of water can be compared with the water of all the seas and the oceans; because, both are finite. But one can't make a comparison between the worldly gains with the gains in the hereafter. Since the gain in the hereafter is infinite, no amount of worldly achievement is comparable to that. One can't be a true Muslim with an iota of doubt about the truthfulness of the transaction. Since fighting in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is the part of the deal, fighting spirit in His cause comes spontaneously in Muslims' life as the part of faith; and jihad becomes an integral part of the Muslim culture. This is why one can't find a single companion of the prophet (peace be upon him) who didn't take part in war against the enemies. Of those who were not physically disabled, the participation in jihad was 100 per cent; and more than 70 per cent of them became *shaheed*. The prophet (peace be upon him) himself led 27 wars and he was badly wounded, too.

Jihad was such an integral part of the early Muslims' life that it stood as the common marker to identify the *munafiqs* from the true Muslims. The prophet (peace be upon him) too, gave clear directives to know the *munafiqs*. According to the prophetic narrative, even a claimant of faith in Islam is a *munafiq* if he hasn't taken part in jihad in the past and doesn't intend to do so in the future. Mere belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la can't generate such a paradigm shift and the sacrificing spirit; even the *kuffars* of the Arabia had belief

in Almighty Allah. Abdullah (meaning: slave of Allah) was the popular name even before the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Even, his father's name was Abdullah. Today, one and half billion Muslims believe in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la too. But they couldn't be the fighting force for Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. On the contrary, they embraced and fought for the political, ideological and cultural concepts of the *kuffars*. As a result, nationalism, secularism, fascism, capitalism, monarchism and other *kuffar* ideologies could get the victory in the Muslim majority countries and Islam stands badly defeated. Their *iman* didn't go deeper and utterly failed to make any paradigm shift or conceptual change. It is indeed the robust reflection of their disbelief in the transaction with Allah Sub'han wa Ta'la. What could be worst strategy of treachery against the Qur'anic transaction?

The Muslims' Collaboration with the Enemies

The most important issue

Fully aligning with the wish of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is the most important issue in Muslim's life. For that, it is crucial to have the Qur'anic knowledge. Otherwise, how one can know the wish of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and the revealed methodology of alignment? In fact, the holy Qur'an is the only source to know the Almighty Lord's expressed wish, expectation and strategies. Hence, with inadequacies of the Quranic knowledge, the congruence with His mission is impossible. With ignorance, one can align only with the agenda of the enemies.

It works as a tool in the hands of *Shaitan*. So, learning Qur'an was made obligatory on the day one of revelation of al-Qur'an. Five times prayer, month-long fasting in Ramadan and haj were made obligatory more than a decade later.

In those days of Islam, the countries like Egypt, Sudan, Iraq, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania and many others didn't have the Arabic language as the mother tongue. Only for knowing the Supreme Lord's message and to align with His mission, they ignored their mother tongue and took the language of Qur'an as their beloved language. So, the Muslims of those formerly non-Arab countries could merge with the great civilizational march of Islam. This could only happen because of their intense desire to be fully congruent and merged with the mission of Allah *Su'hana wa Ta'la*. But today's Muslims are known for deeper incongruence with the fundamentals of Islam. It owes mostly to their gross inadequacies of Qur'anic knowledge. They can take part in 5 time prayers, fasting, haj and other rituals, but can't align with the prophet's (peace be upon him) mission.

Even an ignorant man can keep fasting, do prayers and give charity. But to develop the level of motivation for taking part in a life-long jihad in the way of Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la* and to receive the honour of a martyr in His way needs much deeper enlightenment with the Qur'anic knowledge. It is a massive prophetic job. Islam could generate such people in significant numbers only after the full Islamisation of the state and its institution. Living in an enemy-led corruptive educational, cultural and ideological environment, it is extremely difficult to attain such a depth of enlightenment. Thus the *kuffar* occupation commits the most catastrophic crime against the mankind. Hence, what else could be the best rewarding deed (*amalus saleh*) than releasing the people from such shackles of this evil occupation? It amounts to opening the road to haven and obstructing the way towards hellfire. The early Muslims realised its importance fully; therefore

left their homes and crossed mountains, rivers, seas and extremely harsh deserts and become *shaheed* in the distant warfronts to end such occupation. But, today's Muslims are failing to end the enemy occupation even in the own homeland! This is indeed the difference between the two distinctive brands of the Muslims.

Punishment & blessing: the Divine strategy

Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has His own revealed strategy vis-à-vis giving prize cum victory to the believers and punishing those who stand against Islam. Almighty Allah could crush the power of Arab *kuffars* by sending some angels or earthquakes; but that was not His strategy. He asked Prophet Muhamad (peace be upon him) to raise an army of the believers to do the job. Hence, the believers are ordered, "Fight them; (as it is the strategy that) Allah will punish them by your hands and will disgrace them and give you victory over them and (this way He will) satisfy the hearts of the believing people." –(Sura Taubah, verse 14). So, victory doesn't come by mere supplication or prayers; the believers must engage in war and present sacrifices to achieve that. Hence, if there exists no fighting Army for Islam, there is no victory of Islam either. Then, the Muslims stand defeated and humiliated –as is the case of the Muslims today. Only with serious engagement in war against the enemies, the believers qualify for a genuine help from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Such a strategy has been repeatedly revealed in the holy Qur'an. So it comes, "Allah intends to establish the Truth by His words and to cut off the roots of the unbelievers. That He should establish the Truth and abolish the falsehood, even if the criminals disliked it." –(Sura Anfal, verse 7-8). So, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la loves to cut off the roots of the wicked unbelievers; but it should happen by the hand of the believers. The angels are only to play a supportive role -if needs arise in the battle field. And whoever does the job that Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la likes

the most, gets His love, too. And whoever gets His love, he definitely gets a place in paradise. Such a solemn principle of Almighty Lord still operates to punish His enemies; but today's Muslims utterly failed to be the part of that. Instead, many of them live in the fantasy world that their supplication will do the job.

Intoxication & the missing tool of purification

People need an effective tool for the purification of their souls and the community. For Muslims, it is jihad. It works as a filter to keep the garbage out of the Muslim body polity. If the tool of purification stops working, the people get impregnated with the toxic waste. A man can't survive an obstructive gut that stop eliminating the excreta out of the body. The same is true with the Muslim *ummah*. The downfall of the Muslims indeed owes largely to absence of such a purifying tool. Even in prophet's (peace be upon him) time, the dischargeable waste in the *ummah* was huge. At the time of Ohud expedition, it was about 30 per cent of the Muslim community. The rough estimate comes from the figure of 300 who departed from an army of 1000 at the starting point of the war rally. They are called *munafiq* –the worse and most damaging elements than the *kuffars*. Thus, jihad at Ohud helped the Muslim *ummah* to eliminate these harmful waste out of their body. As a result, the *ummah* stayed healthy. Now the *ummah* stands huge - mostly because of accumulation of the harmful waste. The great number hasn't increased the real strength, rather caused more weakness.

Jihad as a tool of purification has been emphasised by the All-knowing Almighty. It is revealed, "And that He may purify (through jihad) those who believe and deprive the unbelievers of the blessings," –Sura Al-Imran, verse 141). Such a Divine tool of purification stopped working for many centuries in the Muslim *ummah*, hence the most harmful waste still stay inside.

They even control the *ummah*'s destiny. As a consequence, the moral, the political, and the cultural entity of the Ummah show symptoms of severe ideological cum conceptual intoxication. Amidst such toxicity, the true Islam of prophet's (peace be upon him) time has died long ago. Islam with its indispensable components like sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, *shura*, judiciary, jihad and Islamic state can be found only in the history books, not in any part of the Muslim World.

An intoxicated man can't behave or work normally. He can't be a true Muslim either. They lose the common sense. Under the spell of such intoxication, even the perfect jihad looks terrorism; a genuine war of liberation against the occupation looks crime. Such intoxicated men even embrace the worst enemies as friends and kill the best *mujahid* as enemy. This is the reason that those who occupied Palestine, Afghanistan and Iraq and killed millions of men, women and children and bombed many cities to rubbles, get friends who celebrate their occupation in the Muslim lands -as was seen in Baghdad in 2003. With more occupation, the intoxication gets more intense. The intoxicated Arabs thus invest trillions of petrodollars to enrich the enemy banks and the enemy companies in the west. The enemies want that the Muslims must live with the current level of intoxication; because, they know it is easy to rob and rule the intoxicated people. With the same objective, the British colonialists spread opium freely among the Chinese. But the ideological intoxication is more lasting and more incapacitating than opium. Moreover, opium can't make people friendly or mercenary, but the corruptive ideologies do. Jihad is the sole and the most powerful antidote to fight against such intoxication. This is why they are deadly against jihad. Hence, it is their key policy that jihad must not be allowed to work in any of Muslim countries.

Test, strength and the failure

Islam didn't reach its golden days by mere 5 times prayer, fasting, haj and other rituals. Hundred times more people perform such rituals now. To emerge as the number one World Power, it indeed needed huge strength to eradicate the deep-rooted *kuffar* occupation from a vast area of Asia, Africa and Europe. What is the source of such strength? It is true that every victory comes as a blessing from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. But such blessing doesn't come to a people until they fulfil the precondition. The precondition is nothing else but the believers' best investment in His cause. Almighty Lord never helps those who doesn't help themselves. Hence, it is the believers' investment in jihad that brings down the promised blessing from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. In fact, it is an embedded test in Islam that come to every Muslim's life. A long-term lack of victory and the continued downfall are the indicators that the Muslims are continuously failing the test. Thus, they are continuously failing to qualify for the blessing, too.

A test always initiates a value-adding process that adds strengths and perfection to the participants. As a result, more tests bring more perfection. This is why, no school or institution can achieve any progress without tests. Likewise, the Muslim *ummah* can't attain any moral progress without an inbuilt process of continuous testing either. In fact, in its absence, the ummah quickly degenerates and turns weaker. The current state of the Muslims is a testimony to that. In the early days of Islam, jihad –the continuous test in Muslims' life, did the most remarkable job to add enormous moral strength to the Muslim *ummah*. They lost large number of their best men in jihad; but that didn't make them weaker. In fact, the weakness and the downfall started when they withdrew from jihad. Such cowardice withdrawal could save them from dying in warfronts; but brought destruction and genocidal massacres in their cities and villages –as happened in Spain, Palestine, Balkans, Chechnya, Iraq, Kashmir, Syria and now Arakan.

The paradise doesn't give any entry to those who avoids or fails the test that happens in the field of jihad. In jihad, the Almighty Lord testifies the level of true belief and picks up the true martyrs. The fake ones get filtered out from the body of true believers. War in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la thus plays a crucial role to purify the community of the believers. It can't happen in an assembly in a mosque or in the congregation of Arafat. Jihad comes with a huge life and death issue; it shakes people's heart like earthquakes. The early believers were shaken, too. Those who withstand such terrible shakes in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and challenge the enemies get the pass mark for the paradise. So, it is revealed, "A calamity has afflicted you (at Ohud), similar calamity like it already afflicted the unbelieving people; We bring these days to men by turns, and (so that) Allah may know those who believe and may select from you the martyrs; and Allah doesn't like the wrongdoers. And (so that), Allah may purify the believers (through such trials) and destroy the disbelievers." It is also revealed, "Or do you think that you will enter paradise while Allah hasn't make it evident those of you who fight in His cause and made evident those who are steadfast." –(Sura al-Imran, verse 142).

In any exam, one needs to know the pass mark; and needs to be focused to achieve that. Likewise, a believer must know the pass mark for getting an entry to the paradise. It is not a hidden issue in Islam. In the above verse and also in many other verses of the holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made it clear about the required pass mark. Performing the rituals like 5 times prayers, fasting, haj and giving charity are very important, but not mentioned here. The key issue goes much deeper. It is indeed the full alignment with His revealed agenda. It is the ever-readiness to stand as His soldier to fulfil the agenda. But where is the Muslims' success to meet this criteria? A *munafiq* can also perform the religious rituals -as *munafiq* leader Abdullah bin Ubai and his followers could do even behind the prophet (peace be upon him) in

Medina. But they can't align with the vision, mission and agenda of the Almighty Lord. As a result they can't go to jihad. Those who have already aligned with the USA and Russia-led international coalition of the imperialists, monarchists, nationalists, secularists and other despots to stop Islam's resurgence, can they align with Islam? Are they better than Abdullah bin Ubai –the *munafiq* leader and his comrades?