

# Calamity of autocracy and the Islamic obligation

## The Islamic agenda

Autocracy has never been a sign of civilised living; it indeed thrives in milieu of immorality. Hence it displays the worst brutality. This is why, it is incompatible with the people of enlightenment and higher values. Mere buildings, highways, economic affluence and luxuries can't hide the wicked backwardness. In the early days of Islam, idol-worshipping, fire worshipping, sun worshipping were not the only marker of *jaheliya* (ignorance); tribal brutality was its worst expression. In those days, democratic norms exists nowhere. The rulers used to draw their legality only through blood relation with the previous ruler. Since blood doesn't bear any moral, spiritual or educational attribute, such blood based inheritance of power is an expression of utter ignorance and racism. Hence, it is incompatible with Islam's civilizational goal. This is why, while the followers of Christianity and Judaism made a peaceful co-existence with race-based autocracy, Islam dismantled it. Hence, none of the early rightly guided Caliphs needed to be the son of the previous ruler. They could be the Caliph only because of their piety, sagacity, sincerity, intellectual ability and sacrifice for the Islamic cause. Such a radical practice of higher democratic values could happen for the first time in the whole human history.

The prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) was fully aware of the evil project of autocracy. He knew that mere elimination of pagan religious practices is not going to help the mankind. It needs total elimination of autocracy and its evil institutions that promote vile beliefs and brutality against the Divine Truth. Otherwise, the toxic pagan beliefs continue to use the military and the civil institutions of the state

for pulling people towards the hellfire. In the name of security, tradition and native culture, they raise huge barriers on the way towards the worldly peace and the paradise. Islam can't help people getting free from the strong grip of the evil forces unless their power base is totally dismantled. This is why, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was not only a preacher of Divine Truth, but a destroyer of autocracy and its institutions. So, in Islam, the highest *ibada* –as well as prophet's greatest *sunnah*, is not 5 times prayer, month-long fasting, giving charity or haj, but engaging in jihad to destroy the bastions of the evil rulers. Otherwise, practice of Islam become restricted only within the private life or mosques; and Islam loses its place in political, cultural, educational and legal premises of the world –as is the case now. More than 70 percent of the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) had to sacrifice their lives to carry out that prophetic mission.

The decline of the Muslims started when their rulers take them back to the oppressive prison of autocracy. Autocracy centralises all power in the hand of the ruler. Such empowerment of the ruler happens at the expense of de-empowering of the common people. So, in autocracy, the common people stand truly powerless. The early Muslims could build the finest and the most powerful civilisation on earth only because of massive empowerment of the people and the powerful state infrastructure of *khilafa*. The whole state infrastructure worked as the immense mobilising instrument to engage people doing the good and forbidding the wrong. Never in history, the common people were involved such massively as the soldiers of Divine Truth to fight the forces of falsehood. But whenever the state and its institutions get hijacked by the opportunistic autocrats, the people get robbed of the most important entitlement of pursuing such a sublime Divine goal. The Divine Truth then becomes the worst casualty; and the autocratic barbarity returns with full force. This is indeed the most catastrophic loss for the mankind at the hand of

autocratic ruler.

### **The thriving pagan norms**

The pagan backwardness survives not only in people's beliefs, culture and religious practices; it thrives also in politics. Autocracy is indeed a definite marker of the pagan backwardness where the rule of law doesn't work. This is why, whenever human civilisation makes some real progress, autocracy disappears and rule of law overwhelms. But for such civilizational progress, it requires some institutional build-up based on morality and higher spiritual values. Human body can't survive with non-functioning or dis-functioning vital organs like heart, lung, liver and brain. Similarly, a civilised society can't survive with the absence of basic human rights and value-based institutions. This is why, right of free speech and writing, right of forming organisation and right of practising religion are vital for civilised living. Free judiciary, impartial rule of law, free media and unbiased state institutions are also indispensable parts of it. But the autocratic rulers always stand as fierce enemy to such freedom.

The pagan ignorance survives only through brutal forces of the power-addict rulers; it has no inner truth or strength to survive on its own. This is why, autocratic rulers had always been the arch enemy of Islam. Instead of submitting to the sovereignty of Almighty Allah Subhana wa Ta'la, they enforce their own sovereignty. Pharaoh of ancient Egypt has been a classic prototype of such evil autocrats. It has always been impossible for a Muslim to grow up as a true Muslim along with ideological and political submission to an autocrat. The enforced allegiance to them indeed works as a bar to submission to Allah Subhana wa Ta'la. Such allegiance to autocrat make them soldiers against His Cause. Bangladesh under Shaikh Hasina is a modern prototype of such evil state.

Those who are allied with the autocratic rulers show their stern enmity only against Islam and the Islamists and utter friendship with the kuffar regimes like the Muslim bashing rulers of India.

### **Elimination of autocracy: an Islamic obligation**

Islam makes people fully incompatible with the political cum ideological project of all autocratic forces. Rather, it makes an Islamic obligation on every Muslim that he must deploy his physical, moral, spiritual and intellectual endowments to promote only the cause of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It is indeed a heinous treason against the Almighty Allah if he invests His endowments in the service of any secular or anti-Islamic cause. And for promoting His cause, it indeed needs a friendly and promotive environment. It can only happen through elimination of autocracy; hence it becomes an indispensable Islamic necessity. This is why, the history of Islam is the history of fighting against the autocrats. Through ages, it has always been the moral and ideological binding on every Muslim either to dismantle the autocratic rule and build an Islamic state or migrate from the prison-state of the devil to a safer place –as did Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and his companions. It is indeed the greatest political sunnah of the prophet (peace be upon him) that shows how to play a civilizational role for the mankind and please Allah Subhana wa Ta'la. In fact, such a sunnah made the Muslims the greatest civilizational force in the whole human history.

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# Taq'wa: the Recipe of Success

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For the ultimate fate of humans -both here and in the hereafter, nothing is more crucial than *Taq'wa*. In the scale of Divine Judgement, it is indeed the highest rewarding quality of a human. *Taq'wa* is commonly described as the fear of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. But such fear doesn't express its deep meaning and implication. People fear tsunami, earthquake, cyclone, cancer, lethal bugs, man-eating beasts and other things; but such fear doesn't generate any moral, ethical, cultural, spiritual or political revolution. *Taq'wa* works as the powerhouse of moral, spiritual, political and civilizational change. It is the moral force to submit to the Qur'anic Truth and to align with the Truth in ongoing warfare against the falsehood. An iota of disbelief in Truth and alliance with the falsehood instantly annihilate *taqwa*. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has His Own definition about the people of *taq'wa*. The definition comes in the following verse: "And he who has brought the Truth (i.e. the prophet) and those believe in it are the people who possess *taq'wa*."-(Sura Zumar, verse 33).

Belief in the Qur'anic Truth must generate due practice of the Truth in both private and public life. But, such practice of belief seldom exists in the Muslim World. The Divine prescription that entails sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, shura, trans-ethnic unity and jihad in His Way only gets recited in the holy Qur'an. And how such recitation of Truth can generate *taq'wa*? When belief fails to build *taq'wa*, it builds hypocrisy. And a hypocrite can't put Truth in practice; and nor can he align with the Islamic cause. Only because of *taq'wa*, the early Muslim could do miracles. They could build the finest civilisation on earth. Without *taq'wa*, one can't

join the march towards paradise. This is indeed the core problem of the Muslims, today; they could increase only in numbers, but not in *taq'wa*.

Even the Arab idolaters believed in Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la*. Many of them have the name "*Abdullah*" (meaning slave of Allah) even before the birth of the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The implication of *Taq'wa* transcends far beyond mere belief in Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la*. It is the intense fear of inadvertent deviation from Qur'anic roadmap and aligning with the falsehood. It is the fear of unintentional noncompliance against His expressed Wish or Prescription. Such constant fear generates constant and intense submission to Him. The word "*muslim*" itself is indeed the state of such all-time full submissiveness to Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'ala*. Since disobedience or noncompliance takes one to the hellfire, it is the constant urge of a believer to remain fully and perfectly obedient to Him. Thus, *taq'wa* generates an enormous incentive to fully integrate with the mission, vision and objective of Allah *Sub'hana Ta'la*. As a result, the Muslims' compliance with sharia, hudud, shura, khilafa and jihad in His Way becomes a natural outcome of the true faith.

### **The most crucial issue –**

Finding the right path towards paradise is the most crucial issue for a human. The ultimate success -both here and in the hereafter, entirely depends on it. And the failure takes one only to the eternal hellfire. It is also true, no man or woman can find guidance on his or her own. It comes only through the Qur'anic guidance. Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la* doesn't keep such an utmost crucial task under the discretion of anyone else; but under His Own Domain. Hence, "*inna alai'nal huda*" (guiding mankind is indeed My domain) is the Qur'anic pronouncement. The Almighty Allah *Sub'hana wa Ta'la* delivers guidance by sending prophets and through revelations. Prophet Muhammad

(peace be upon him) is the last prophet and the holy Qur'an is the final and the most comprehensive guidance. This is why, the holy Qur'an has been the all-time greatest blessing of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la for all men and women on earth; nothing can stand equal to it.

But Divine guidance is not a birth right or automatic entitlement for anyone. For it, adherence to the tradition of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is also crucial. In fact, only those who follow the prophet (peace be upon him), follow Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la – as revealed in the holy Qur'an. It is also crucial that for drawing the full benefit from the Divine guidance, one needs to be fully qualified for that. And the qualification doesn't come from academic qualifications, but from *taq'wa*. It is the key to access this Divine Treasure. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made it clear in the following verse: "This is the Book; there is no doubt therein. It is the guidance for the people who possess *taq'wa*." –(Sura Baqara, verse 2).

### **Taqwa: the key for the paradise**

Humans' greatness, piety or religiosity wholly depend on *taq'wa*. In absence of *taq'wa*, no amount of good deed, effort or sacrifice is acceptable to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala. The blood of the sacrificed animals, the wealth spent on charity, the hunger and the thirst endured in fasting and the bodies of the people killed in a war do not reach Him. But what reaches the Almighty Lord and makes a strong case for the forgiveness is *Taqwa*. It is the key for entering the paradise. In the hereafter, it is the only acceptable currency for making any transaction in the day of Judgement. Otherwise all the rituals, the charities and the supplication turn fake. Indeed, all worth and honour of a human rest on *taq'wa*. All forms of *ibdah* are aimed only to build *taqwa*. It builds strong linkage with Allah Subhana wa Ta'ala. So, the revelation comes: "Know

that Allah is always with people of *taqwa*”—(Sura Taubah, verse 36). It is revealed: “The transgressors are friendly to each other; but Allah is the guardian of the people of *Taq’wa*”—(Sura Al-Jasia, verse 19). “On that Day (day of Judgment) the people of *taq’wa* will be assembled as the honoured delegation before the All-Merciful” (Sura Mariam, verse 85). Therefore, nothing could be wiser and nobler than investing all physical, intellectual or economic possession to increase *taqwa*. The early Muslims could set an unsurmountable example in such endeavour; in order to attain its highest level, most of them even sacrificed their life.

*Taq’wa* doesn’t generate on its own. Mere faith in Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la and the obligatory rituals can’t help it grow on their own either. A range of conceptual, ritual and institutional inputs and throughputs need to work together to give birth *taq’wa*. For that, the most basic and important ingredient comes from the Qur’anic knowledge. Without Qur’anic knowledge, all the rituals turn to be failed *ibadah*. So, for the first 11 years of prophet-hood, the sole emphasis was to build up Qur’anic knowledge. The Divine decree on five time prayer, fasting, haj and jihad came much later. Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la emphasized on this crucial point through the following revelation: “*innama yakhsha’Allah’a min ibade’al ulama*” (meaning: out of all humans, only the people of (Qur’anic) knowledge fear Allah). So, the holy Qur’an is not only the Book of the right path (*siratul mustaqeem*) to the paradise, but also the Book of knowledge that builds up *taq’wa*. It is the most crucial issue that needs to be deeply understood. Satan and his followers do not miss this point. Hence their worst enmity is against the spread of Qur’anic knowledge. So, immediately after coming to the power, the communist Soviet Russia closed all Qur’anic teaching schools in occupied Muslim lands of the Central Asia. For the same reason, the US-led coalition and their partners in the Muslim World impose strict restriction on the teaching of Qur’an. They consider it a great threat to their own power and



security interest. Their hatred against Qur'an is so toxic that many of them –like the old people of *jahelia*, call this greatest Gift of the Almighty as the book of terrorism. During their colonial occupation, the British colonialists too, imposed very selective and restrictive study of Qur'an. Topics like sharia, hudud, khilafa, Muslim unity and Jihad were not the part of madrasah curriculum. This way, the occupying enemies allow the Muslims to grow up without proper Islam.

Without *taq'wa*, one can recite the holy Qur'n thousands of times, can also perform thousands of raka of *nafl* prayers, can keep month after month fasting, can go for haj again and again, but can't adhere to the *siratul mustaqeem*. This is exactly the current scenario of the Muslim World. The *siratul mustaqeem* that takes people through the valleys of *khilafa*, sharia, *hudud*, shura, pan-Islamic Muslim unity and *jihad fi sabilillah* is unknown or detested by these so-called Muslims. So, they display dismal failure. More than a billion Muslim take part in five-time prayer, month long fasting and other rituals, of them a very few stay on this *siratul mustaqeem*. Instead, they take the route of nationalism, tribalism, secularism, despotism, *kufir* law and other established satanic deviation. Instead of submitting to the sovereignty to Allah Sub'hana Ta'la, they declare their own sovereignty thorough their self-made law and constitution.

Whereas, claiming sovereignty is totally incompatible with the Islamic faith. A Muslim can only be a khalifa (viceroy), not a sovereign ruler. It goes against taqwa and feeds kufir. Sovereignty offers an entitlement to frame laws and define the right and the wrong. This is the most restricted privilege belongs only to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The holy Qur'an is very explicit on this issue. Hence, here comes the stern warning: "*In'il hukmu illa lilla* (meaning: the right to legislation belongs to none; it is only to Allah)" (Sura Yousuf, verse 40). Even King David (peace be upon him) and King Suleiman (peace be upon him) were the king only by name;

they were de facto the most obedient *khalifa*. About King David (peace be upon him), there comes the following Qur'anic revelation: "(We said), "O David, indeed we have made you *khalifa* upon the earth, so rule among the people according to the revealed truth (sharia), and do not follow your own desire, as it will lead you astray from the way of Allah." - (Sura Sa'd, verse26).

### **The war against the Almighty**

King David (peace be upon him) is known in history for his great wisdom, sagacity and amazing ability to make justice. Even he was not given the right to frame law. So, the message is clear: even the prophets are not immune to deviation from the true path of justice if they follow their own intellect. So, the right to frame law is taken away even from the prophets. Therefore, how can a monarch, or a despot, or a parliament of common men and women dare claim to be the law-giver? It is indeed the ugliest treason against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la; it tantamount to declare war against His Sovereignty. Both King David (peace be upon him) and King Suleiman (peace be upon him) established the rule of sharia that was revealed to Prophet Musa (peace be upon him). Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the rightly guided *khalifas* did the same. But now, the Muslims have taken the path of active rebellion. They claim the sovereignty; and are engaged in collective war against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la by dismantling sharia. Not only they are deviated from *siratul mustaqeem*, but also have usurped the entitlement of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala.

Moreover, constant *ibadah* (slavery) to the rule of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala is indeed the prescribed curriculum to build *taqwa*. So, the revelation comes: "O mankind! Do slavery

to your Lord, who created you and those before you, so that you may acquire *taqwa*.”—(Sura Baqarah, verse 21). Islam means full submission to all revealed rules and prescriptions of Allah Sub’haan Ta’la. Hence, Islam means full Islam (*full submission*); there is no scope of half or partial Islam. So Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la issues the command: “*Ud’khulil silm’i ka’ffa*”. It means: “Enter into full submission (to rule of Allah) with (your) entirety”. Hence, there exist not scope in Islam that any domain of life –be it politics or policies, law or legislature, education or culture, commerce or economics, war or warfare should stay outside the Qur’anic guidance. Only such inclusive submission to the Almighty Lord gives birth to *taqwa*. Hence in an Islamic state, submission to the Qur’anic prescription must overwhelm everywhere. As a result, every man or woman becomes the moving showcase of Islam. Only then, the Muslims receive the promised blessing from Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. Otherwise, one meets failure -both here and in the hereafter.

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# The Lost Objective & the Muslims’ Downfall

## The lost vision & identity

Every human –except the mad and the imbecile, survives with a key objective. The faith, the philosophy, the ideology and the politics of a man or woman indeed get very vividly expressed through such objective. However, the objective of the survival and the strategy of the survival are not the same. The strategy of survival gives strength and sustenance to life. But the objective of survival adds meaning, purpose and guiding direction to the life. Such an objective constantly

survives in any human's attitude, works, prayers, politics, culture, speech, arts, literature and warfare. A man may hide his hypocrisy for a while, but can't hide his true objective from the public eye. A thief, a robber, a corrupt or a despot gets truly exposed to the people only through his objective. Likewise, an imperialist, a secularist, a monarchist, a capitalist, a socialist, a fascist, or a nationalist gets known to the public by their objective, too. Such an objective indeed adds a distinctive moral, cultural and behavioural identity to every human.

A Muslim too, survives not for the sake of survival; but to fulfil his prime objective of the survival. It is indeed to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la by fulfilling His Vision and Mission; thereby to be blessed with a space in paradise. His survival strategy as a factory worker, farmer, doctor, teacher, trader or other professional doesn't make him any compromise on that core issue. Such an objective indeed gives distinctive identity to a Muslim. Awfully, it is indeed the core area where most of the Muslims have lost their distinctiveness from others. They hardly look dissimilar to the non-Muslims in their survival objective. This is why, their politics, culture, education and warfare have become so compatible with those of the *kuffars*. So, joining a kuffar army for occupying a Muslim land and killing the Muslims has become so common in the Muslim lives. In the days of the early Muslims, it was unthinkable. Only the people with lost vision and objective can show such extreme madness.

Mere belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, His angels, His prophet (peace be upon him) and in the hereafter is not enough to be a true Muslim. His objective in politics, deeds, speech, literature or warfare must be consistent with the objective of survival. His belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la shouldn't express only through the religious rituals; must have a full control on every aspect of his life. His agenda of survival must embrace the Vision and Wish of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la.

Dissemination of the Qur'anic Truth, establishing an Islamic state, and implementation of sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, pan-Islamic Muslim brotherhood and jihad in His Way must be the integral parts of it –as was the case in the early Muslims. Any compromise on the Wish of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'lam and Islam's obligatory basics is incompatible with *iman*. The Qur'anic narrative like "*Li'yuz'hirahu al'ddini kulli'hi*" (meaning: His *deen* should overwhelm over all other *deens* or faiths) in fact gives the exact expression of His Great Wish. As a result, fulfilling Almighty Lord's Wish becomes an indispensable agenda of every believer.

Hence, for knowing the true *iman* of an individual, there is little need to dig down into his or her souls. His or her agenda in politics, speech, writings, deeds, education and warfare gives an exact depiction of that. Those who do politics for tribal, racial, nationalist, socialist, secularist or monarchical cause and fight against the practice of Islamic basics like sharia, *hudud*, *shura*, *khilafa*, jihad and trans-ethnic Muslim unity, can't hide their inimical agenda against Islam. These people can claim to be true nationalist, capitalist, socialist, secularist or monarchist, but lose the credibility to be a Muslim. The fake believers who still claim to be Muslim, they are indeed *munafiq*. They are as the worst enemy of Islam; and worse than *kuffar* as the human. Because of their huge number, Islam that was practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) now stands badly defeated in the Muslim World.

Like true *iman*, fixing the correct objective of survival is the most crucial issue in life. Success in this world and in the hereafter indeed depends on its correctness. Life must not be spent merely for the sake of survival; rather for serving the core objective of survival. In fact, most of the people fail at this point to make the correct decision vis-à-vis this critical issue of life. Their journey towards the hellfire indeed starts here. The professional means of survival as a

factory worker, doctor, engineer, businessman, teacher, lawyer or others become the core objective of survival. Such survival strategies override even the most crucial objective of life. The reason of his creation as a human receives little importance or stays in oblivion. Hence, they may grow up as successful professional, but not as a true servant or *khalifa* of his Almighty Lord. Thus they move towards to the hellfire. They will not be given a second chance to undo such a deviation towards an eternal doom. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la wants to save humans from such catastrophic loss. To make humans' survival a great success, His crucial guidance comes in following verse: "Say (to them O Muhammad)! Surely my prayer and my sacrifice and my survival and my death are all for Allah alone –the Lord of all the worlds. No partner is there for Him. And to this I have been commanded. Moreover, I am foremost of them who are Muslim" –(Sura Al-An'am, verse 162-163).

### **The inimical agenda**

As per above verse, a Muslim must live only for the cause of his Almighty Lord; and he must die for His cause, too. Otherwise, his long survival may only add few years to his life, but wouldn't add any real worth. Such long life may even add more fuel for his life in hellfire. Hence, it is forbidden that any human should invest his life, time, intellect, energy or assets in the service of other faith, deity, religion, ideology or any evil political power. These are the *amanah* (entrusted endowment) of his Almighty Lord. Hence, he can't think of becoming a mercenary of the imperialists, the monarchists, the despots or other enemies of Islam. Such acts are indeed the *khiana* (betrayal) of the *amanah* (trust). Such forbidden (*haram*) acts are indeed the ugliest crime in Islam. It is the greatest betrayal of the whole purpose of his or her being here on earth. Such ugliest betrayal takes ones only to the hellfire. But, it is a great irony that survival with the

inimical agenda against Islam has been the culture of the ruling elites in the Muslim World today. As a result, the evil coalition of the US-led imperialists could recruit a large army of mercenaries among the Muslims to occupy the Muslims lands. Because of these mercenaries, the invading enemies could kill and evict millions of the Muslims and bomb cities and villages to rubbles.

In a corruptive political, ideological and cultural milieu, always some unbelievable things happen. Even the people with inimical agenda against Islam and the Muslims become leader or ruler of the Muslims. Even those who join the foreign *kuffars* to dismantle any attempt of establishing an Islamic state in any part of the World also gets a label of a Muslim! It is also strange that the corrupt rulers who collaborate even with the established enemies of Islam claim to be the custodian of Islamic holy sites! The early Muslims didn't face such a big problem of the internal enemies. In those days, the Roman and the Persian Empires didn't have such a huge number of Trojan horses and the enemy cantonments inside the Ummah -as the USA, Russia and others have today. Their presence only prolongs the enemy occupation of the Muslim lands. In fact, most of the Muslim countries are now ruled by such embedded enemies who vehemently oppose any step to return back to the prophet's day of Islam! Their strong opposition against the Qur'anic prescription of sharia, *hudud*, shura, Muslim unity and jihad against enemy occupations is not hidden. Because of these inner enemies of Islam, the Vision of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His prescribed laws and the Qur'anic code of life stay badly defeated even in Islam's heart lands. And the space is seized by the laws, politics, judiciary and ideologies inimical to Islam.

### **Absence of an Islamic state and the calamity**

Absence of an Islamic state makes a highly damaging impact on

the Muslim life. It makes it impossible for a Muslim to discharge the duty that has been assigned by his Almighty Lord. An individual can't take the assigned task of implementing sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, Muslim unity and other Islamic obligations in his own hand. For that, he or she needs an Islamic state. Only an Islamic state can provide with a supportive infrastructure and a conducive environment to comply with the rule of Allah Sub'hana Ta'la. This is why, it becomes impossible to be a full practising Muslim in a *kuffar* state. So, obstructing the establishment of Islamic state is not a simple crime. It is indeed the worst inimical act, not only against Islam and Almighty Allah, but also against the whole Muslim *Ummah*. Recently, UAE government declared 15 year imprisonment for criticism of its policy and support for Qatar. The Saudi government sentenced 1000 lashes and 10 year jail for Raif Badawi – a pro-democracy blogger, for his non-compliant expression. (*The Economist*, July 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2017). The question arises, what should be the punishment for making coalition with the US-led occupying forces of the imperialist killers and for standing against the rule of Allah Subhana wa Tala on His Own earth? It is a clear proof that if the sovereignty for framing law is usurped by a human, he can go to any length to forge any brutal law to protect their illegitimate rule. What could be worst terrorism than this? With few exception, the whole Muslim World is indeed hostage to such state-run terrorism.

After the death of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), many Muslims started to transgress the red line. Many of them denied even to pay the obligatory zakat. Some people claimed even prophet-hood. *Khalifa* Abu Bakr (RA) declared jihad against them. Because of jihad, the inner enemies got quickly annihilated and the discipline returned to the *Ummah*. Now, the same transgression of red line is taking place everywhere in the Muslim World. Idolatry is no more a problem among the Muslims. The *jaheliya* (ignorance) has now a new face and a new name; but the agenda is the same. These are the evil



ideologies like nationalism, fascism, secularism, capitalism, materialism, socialism, communism and many others. They could get a large number of converts, too. Like the devilish forces of all ages, blocking the resurgence of Islam and stopping the people's march towards the paradise is their main agenda. Adultery, thievery, robbery, *riba*, gambling, obscenity and other crimes have assigned also spread like a wild fire. Since no jihad exists against these criminals, they could easily usurp the whole state power. As a result, they could cause a speedy and terrible decline for the *Ummah*.

### Deception of the middle path

Islam has its own Qur'anic vocabulary vis-à-vis the correct roadmap towards the paradise. It is called *siratul mustaqeem*. It is the Qur'anic straight path that takes people not only towards peace and prosperity in this world, but also towards the ultimate success in *akhira*. There exists no alternative. It is the greatest Divine blessing for a human to get such a straight path to the paradise; otherwise all other worldly gains, merits or successes –whatever great they may be, go in vain. Hence, it is the most important supplication in any prayer to ask Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la for His constant guidance towards paradise -the greatest gift on earth. The endless and the deathless life in the hereafter with all the utmost pleasures in haven is only possible by following the right path. In order to emphasize on the importance of getting Divine guidance, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has embedded the supplication *ih'dinas siratul musta'qeem* (O Allah! Show me the right path) in Sura Fatiha to be recited in every unit of all obligatory or non-obligatory prayers.

But it is the ugliest self-imposed deviation of the Muslims that they now argue for a so-called middle path instead of the Qur'anic *siratul mustaqeem*. *Siratul mustaqeem* survives only in the rote recitation in the prayer, but not in Muslims' deeds,

politics, warfare, culture, education, trade or judiciary. *Siratul mustaqeem* is not a path of mere rituals like 5 time prayer, fasting, zakat, haj or supplication. It is known for its iconic mileposts all along its full length. It starts with the firm belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, His prophets, the revealed Books and the hereafter; but doesn't end there. Sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khilafa*, Muslim unity, jihad in His way and running an Islamic state are its indispensable segments. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala has drawn a clear red line around this Qur'anic roadmap –called *hudud*; any attempt to cross the red line is indeed a deviation towards the hellfire. Any non-compliance against sharia, shura, *khilafa*, Muslim unity, jihad or Islamic state is indeed the grotesque transgression of the red line. Not only the state apparatus, but also every Muslim needs to be full-time vigilante on those who violate the road line.

In the holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la describes the whole mankind divided only into two groups. They are either the followers of the Divine Truth –the true believers (*ahlul haq*) or the followers of the satanic falsehood -the disbelievers (*ahlul batil*). In such an area of aligning with the Truth and falsehood, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la leaves no room for any ambiguity. Both the Truth and the falsehood are categorically defined in the holy Qur'an. Hence, "*Inna deena endalla'hil Islam*" (meaning: certainly the only acceptable faith unto Allah is Islam) works as the Divine compass to show the Truth. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la certifies Islam as the only True faith. All other ideologies or faith represent only falsehood. According to the affinity towards Truth or falsehood, they indeed get conglomerated around two opposite poles -the pole of Truth and the pole of falsehood. The whole length of history is indeed the history of wars between the followers of these two opposite camps. Nimrod, Pharaoh, Abu Jahl, all the tyrants and the disbelievers represented the camp of falsehood. All the Divine prophets like Prophet Noah (peace be upon him), Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him),

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him), Prophet Isa (peace be upon him) and Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and all the true believers fall in the camp of Divine Truth.

Since war is the most decisive part of human history; only the people with true faith are seen in war. It doesn't give any hiding space for any one. To add more clarity to the issue, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made the following revelation: "Those who believe they fight in the way of Allah, and those who disbelieve fight in the way of Shaitan."—(Sura Nisa, verse 76). Since war between Islam and non-Islam is a constant phenomenon, the position taken in the field of the ongoing war tells very accurately the state of *iman* of a man. Therefore, those who make collusion and coalition with the imperialist *kuffars* and fight war against the Islamist—as is the case in Afghaistan, Iraq, Syria and Yemen, can claim to be Muslim? In fact, their politics and warfare and the association with the *kuffars* exposes their fake Muslim identity. In such bipolar world, there exists no middle path or middle ground. The believers can come to the middle ground only through a clear breach from the people of Qur'anic Truth. Such breach works through full de-Islamisation. As a result of such a breach, they turn disbeliever in sharia, *hudud*, jihad, *khilafa* and other Islamic basics. Race, language, geography or skin colour plays no role to influence the nature of the combative dichotomy of the world; nor do restrict anyone from joining any of the two camps. This is why, the people of different race, language and skin colour of Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and the Americas could find a consensus goal and war strategy to work against the emergence of Islam in any part of the world. For the same reason, the USA could assemble more than 60 countries in its rank as the partners; and could also draw armies from 40 states to Afghanistan. In such a global war against Islam, even the Russians, the Indians and the Chinese find a common ground to work together with the US-led coalition.

The so-called middle path is indeed a fabricated deception to encourage people to cross the red marking of the *siratul mustaqeem*. Sharia, shura, *khilafa*, Muslim unity, obligatory zakat, jihad and other Islamic basics are labelled by them as extremism cum doctrine of terrorism; hence given no space in this so-called middle path. These so-called moderate Muslims are not bothered about the Qur'anic prescription. They do politics, lecture on Islam and write books. But they show little displeasure on absence of *khilafa*, sharia, *hudud* or Muslim unity. Rather, they show their anger on emergence of Islamic state, dismantling of divisive borders, practice of sharia and jihad in any Muslim land. They even show deep hatred when people became martyrs fighting the occupying *kuffars*. What could be worst deviation from Qur'anic roadmap than this? As a result, co-operation with the coalition of the *kuffar* imperialists, monarchs, despots, secularists, nationalists, fascists and other wicked powers on earth get easily acceptable to them. The occupying imperialists too, take them as the trustworthy partners in their war against Islam and the Muslims. With such gross deviation from the *siratul mustaqeem*, the Muslims can only pursue the path of their own downfall.

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## **The Muslims' Failure & the Enemy Occupation**

### **The moral collapse**

To condemn terrible brutalities, it doesn't cost physical energy, money or blood; it only needs sound morality. The Muslims have failed utterly to show such morality again and again in the history. Instead, millions of them have joined

the enemies to celebrate their occupation and destruction. Thousands of them even work as the mercenaries to strengthen the *kuffar* occupation. In 2003, many Iraqis were seen dancing in the street of Baghdad while the country was taken over by the US invaders. In 2001, that happened in Kabul, too. In 2016, thousands of people in Mali celebrated the French takeover. The same celebration was seen in the street of Dhaka in 16<sup>th</sup> December in 1971, when the occupying Indian Army took over Bangladesh. This owes to deep de-Islamisation and total ideological conversion. Such de-Islamisation cum the ideological conversion to secularism, tribalism, nationalism, and western liberalism are the key strategies of any anti-Islamic rule in any part of the Muslim World. The enemies of Islam may fail in religious conversion, but have been very successful to cause such ideological conversion. As a result, these converts could accept the heroes of the enemies as their own heroes; and could overlook the worst crimes of occupation and exploitation. Because of such moral perversion cum collapse, they could celebrate the total destruction of the cities in Iraq and Syria as great victories.

Robbers, killers, and thieves also celebrate their worst crimes as great successes. The imperialists, the colonialists, the capitalists and the invaders too, celebrate their worst crimes. This is why, destruction of entire Mosul and other Iraqi and Syrian cities generated such a huge sense of triumph in the imperialist camp. A Shia can also celebrate such destruction of a major Sunni Muslim city. But, how a Sunni Muslim could join such celebration? It is only possible when moral death precedes physical death. Such a moral death is so profound in the Muslim World that not a single Muslim country or a single Islamic organisation came forward to condemn such an entire destruction of the historic city of Mosul –the second largest city of Iraq. With such an absence of morality, how one would stand in front of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’al and His prophet (peace be upon him) on the Day of Judgement? On the day of judgement, every Muslim will be asked to give the

account vis-à-vis his or her contribution to save the *ummah* from such awful occupation and destruction. Will be also asked, how his or her physical, intellectual and financial ability or endowment was spent.

In annals of history, people have read horrendous brutalities of the crusaders and the Mongol warlords like Chengis and Halaku. But their brutality look novice if compared to the industrial scale of destruction by the US-led coalition, the Russian Army, the Syrian Army and the Iraqi Army in Mosul, Aleppo, Raqqa, Homs, Hama, Ramadi, Tikrit, Falluja, Kobani and many other historic cities. These cities could survive the Mongol atrocities, but couldn't stand on their feet this time. These historical cities now look mere piles of rubbles; not a single building stands intact in their midst. For such planned destruction, the selfish autocrats forged alliance with the USA and Russia –the countries that have the highest expertise in this field. The rulers in Baghdad and Damascus and the leaders of the Kurdish tribes also urged the US President and President Putin of Russia for aerial bombing on these Muslim cities. Hence, what the US could do in Hiroshima and Nagasaki or what Russian could do in Grozny, they did hundred times more than that in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, and Yemen. It is now revealed how these so-called Muslims rejoice the worst crimes in the Muslim land.

Such a wholesale depletion of morality never happened in the past. While the European colonialists were engaged in colonial occupation of the weaker peoples of Asia, Africa, Americas, Australia and New Zealand and were conducting an ethnic cleansing of Red Indians, Aborigines, and Maoris or while Adolf Hitler of Germany was putting Jews in the gas chambers, at least there were some people to condemn such utter barbarity. But now, a huge void has overwhelmed the whole moral premise all over the world. Therefore, the brutal occupation of Palestine, Kashmir, Afghanistan, and Iraq and dropping of chemical bombs, cluster bombs, barrel bombs,

chemical bombs and mother of all bombs could go un-condemned in the UNO, OIC, Arab League and other international forums.

In such a state of occupation and state-run terrorism, even the most basic religious rights of the Muslims stay heavily restrained. Even in Islam's heart lands, those who want to practise sharia, *hudud*, *khilafa*, trans-ethnic Muslims unity, jihad against occupation and other obligatory basics of Islam are killed with a label of terrorism. Even the popular election victory of the Islamist is condemned as terrorism –as happened in Algeria in 1992, in Palestine in 2006 and in Egypt in 2012. As if, non-conversion to the Western ideologies and non-acceptance of the imperialists' dominance on the Muslim World are the marker of terrorism. Hence, even fair election victory of the Islamists in any Muslim country is not acceptable to the West. Whereas, making war, dividing a Muslim country and killing people for tribal, linguistic, nationalist, Christian or Jewish agenda is not considered a crime. Instead, receives Western supports –as given to the brutal war for the creation of Israel, South Sudan and Kurdistan on the Muslim lands.

### **The dissimilar Muslims**

Today's Muslims look profoundly dissimilar to the early Muslim on many counts. Firstly, they failed very badly to respond to the Call of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la which entails that they must stand for the weak and fight against the tyrants and their falsehood. The Qur'anic Call of the Almighty Allah comes in the following verse: "What happened to you that you do not fight in the way of Allah and for the cause of the oppressed who are men, women and children and who say, "O Our Lord, take us out of this city of the oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper." –(Sura Nesa, verse 75). Such failure to respond to the Call of Almighty Lord led to other failures. They survive

as a Muslim only by name; but not in true faith, practice and morality. Inaction, abstention or submission to the tyrant rulers and accepting their lies has been the way of their life. Therefore, although the tyrant rulers no more survives in Europe, America, Japan, India and other *kuffar* lands, but thrive in the Muslim World. In fact, the Muslim World is heavily embedded with these brutal despots. In all ages, like today, such tyrants have been the formidable enemies of Islam; and worked as trusted friends of Satan. These are the people who are now working as the partners of the US-led coalition to give sustenance to the imperialist occupation in the Muslim World. Because of the enemy occupation and the consequential deep de-Islamisation, the Divine mission like calling people to the Qur'anic Truth, raising a formidable army of the believers, practising sharia, building an Islamic state and engaging in jihad is now labelled as terrorism.

One can't comprehend the prophet's (peace be upon him) mission and the rapid emergence of early Muslims' as the most powerful civilizational power if he or she fails to understand the survival agenda of the early Muslims. Those early heroes of Islam lived only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and died only to please Him. Such survival objective made them highly committed for the cause of Islam. In fact, this is the most distinctive merits of the early Muslims that helped them build the only true humane civilization on earth. But such qualities of the early Muslims are conspicuously absent in today's Muslims. Therefore, they make history in other ways. Instead of standing for Islam and the Muslims, they invest their all merits and even life for tribal, racial, national, secular and other anti-Islamic agenda. They look so deeply dissimilar in faith, deeds, politics and culture from the early Muslims that seldom could be labelled as the same Muslims with the same faith, the same vision and the same objective. As a result, the outcomes haven't been the same either. The earlier Muslims could claim the glory of the best people and best civilization on earth. But now they earn the worst disgrace and



humiliation.

## **The failure & the enemy takeover**

Failure breeds more failures. And a chain of failures creates cherished opportunities for the enemy takeover. Invading bugs brings physical death. The invading enemies brings moral, ideological and civilizational death. Now, the whole Muslim World is experiencing the pain of such moral, ideological and civilizational death. Hence, Islam that was practised by the prophet (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims survives only in the holy Qur'an and in the history books, not in any Muslim country. The corrupted beliefs and practices have taken its places. Such catastrophic failure of the Muslims started with the dismantling of the Islamic state that was built by the prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions. An Islamic state and its institutions work as the most powerful transformational social industry to add life-changing concepts, beliefs, ideologies, education, culture and values to the people. A non-Islamic state exactly does the opposite. An Islamic state has no substitute; other institutions like mosques, madrasah, *sufi khanqa*, family, schools and university can't do its jobs. In fact, the mass scale production of the best humans was possible only at the time of the Islamic state –established by the prophet (peace by him). Hence, in Islam, it is the most important and the most precious institution, too. It needs the highest amount of sacrifice to secure its existence and sanctity; in fact, more than 70 per cent of the companions had to sacrifice their life for its creation and defence. Narration from the prophet (peace be upon him) emphasizes: "Spending a moment for its defence at the frontier is better than spending the whole night in prayer". Hence, the prophet (peace be upon him) of Islam took part in that great job, too. He went to the war for more than twenty times. In one of the wars (in Ohud), he was badly wounded and lost his teeth. But later on, the Muslims failed to defend this Divine

institution.

With the collapse of the Islamic state (*khelafa*), the Muslims received the most catastrophic blow to their Islamic faith, identity, security and civilisation. Absence of Islamic state created a political or institutional void that was quickly filled in by a series of hostile states and state-run hostile institutions. Such an inimical state may claim to be a Muslim state; but may make it impossible for its citizens to be a fully practising Muslim by obstructing the practice of sharia, shura, *hudud*, Muslim unity, jihad and other obligatory prescription of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The Muslims thus get deprived of an Islamisation process that is so crucial to help them grow up as true Muslim. Even a *kuffar* state can build a plenty of roads, shops, schools, hospitals and industries. But, such a state also builds a lot of roads to take the people to the hellfire. Only an Islamic state is an exception; it builds the highway (*siratul mustaqeem*) to take people to the paradise. Such a highway works through rightly functioning mosques, Islamic rituals, education, legislation, culture, politics, judiciary and warfare.

In absence of an Islamic state, the enemies of Islam –both internal and external, get a free space to work against Islam and the Muslims. They build coercive states and state institutions to corrupt the Muslims' faith, deeds, culture and morality to take them to the hellfire. This is why, all the imperialistic *kuffars* are so supportive of the anti-Islamic coercive despots of the Muslim World. These despots are taken as the partner in their war against Islam and Islamists. In order to encounter such a state-led offence, building and defending an Islamic state is crucial. It is so important that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) himself needed to head the Islamic state himself and lead many crucial wars to give it a secure standing in the enemy-infested world. Prophet Dawood (peace be upon him) had to do the same. But now, the story is altogether different. Most of the Muslims now stand

against any initiative to establish an Islamic state. They even label any resurgence of Islam as extremism and terrorism. States and state institutions of the Muslim World stay under the full occupation of the people who have no faith in Qur'anic guidance. Because of such occupation by the enemies, a rapid process of de-Islamisation started with full force all over the Muslim World. The huge infrastructures of the secular states are being used to take people away from Islam and to spread all form of evils on earth. Because of scientific advancement, the corruptive power of the modern state and its secular institutions are more pervasive than that existed in the old days of *jaheliya*. The custodians of the old *jaheliya* like Nimrod, Pharaoh and Abu Jahl didn't allow Islamic ideology any access to their own domains. Similarly, the custodians of the new generation of *jaheliya* like nationalism, secularism, capitalism, socialism, liberalism do not give the Qur'anic prescription any access to their restricted premises of law, politics, judiciary, education, legislation, culture and economics. This way, the ugliest crimes against Allah Sub'hana Ta'la and His Qur'an are being committed in Muslim lands by the Muslims themselves.

Hence, establishing an Islamic state isn't politics for the Muslims; it is indeed the most important survival need for every believer. Otherwise, he loses the chance to do the full practice of Islam. In its absence, he fails to grow up as a full Muslim. Therefore in Islam, the highest act of piety is not five times prayers, month-long fasting, haj or *jakat*; but the war for ending the *kuffar* occupation and establishing or protecting an Islam state. Only this way, a Muslim can save his own *iman* and the *iman* of other Muslims. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) did it; his companion did it, too. How a Muslim could be true Muslim without adhering to the prophetic tradition. More than a billion Muslims make five-time prayers a day and keep month-long fasting each year. Many millions of them perform haj and *umrah* each year. They make lengthy supplication, too. But such rituals and supplication of more

than a billion people couldn't protect the Muslims from the imposed occupation, deaths and destruction. Nor could keep alive the practices of the early Muslims. One who abstains from the Qur'anic Call of Allah Sub'hana of Ta'ala, his supplication and rituals do not work. The enemies also know that such rituals and supplication can't put any resistance against their occupation, hence they encourage to confine the practice of Islam within such rituals and supplication. But they fear jihad; so the USA needed to forge an international coalition with more than 60 states to fight jihad. So they spread slander against it.

### **The enemy fortification & the foot-soldiers**

To give sustenance to the absence of an Islamic state and its institutions, the enemies of Islam are desperate to keep the occupation for an unending period. Since they want to keep occupation also in the fields of ideology, politics, economics and culture, they are war-ready on every fronts. They deployed a huge number of trained mercenaries not only as foot soldiers in war fields, but also in the fields of intellectual, ideological and cultural warfare. In every Muslim country, the propaganda weapons of the enemies like TV, radio and newspapers get regular supply of intellectual, ideological and cultural ammunitions from these well tamed mercenaries. As per assigned entitlement, they are conspicuously mum on the war crimes of the imperialists, but very vocal to fabricate slanders against Islam and the Islamists. In every Muslim country, they work not only in the government institutions, but also under the banner of Non-Government Organisations (NGO).

To pursue an all-inclusive war strategy from a safe haven, the USA has built its largest embassy not in any of the *kuffar* lands, but in Islam's historic heartland like Baghdad. Such castle like embassies are also built in Kabul, Islamabad,

Ankara, Riyadh, Cairo, Dhaka, and in other Muslim capitals. Apart from diplomacy, the US staff in these castles do other things to keep alive their imperialistic supremacy. For the same war strategy, they built a large Air Force base in Qatar, a huge Naval base in Bahrain and many Army bases in Saudi Arab, Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Oman, Syria and many other places of the Muslim World. It is no secret that the whole of the Muslim World is under their radar. All the Islamist leaders -those who want to take the Muslims back to Islam of the early days, are registered as the targets of the USA's drone killing. Such killings are going on in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Somalia. Such killing mission is also carried out by their autocratic cronies.

So, the Muslims are left with little choice. Those who survive only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and are ready to sacrifice their life for a place in paradise could dare to stand up against such imperialist occupation and state terrorism. Others –including the most of the *ulama*, imams, so-called Islamic scholars, the Muslim intellectuals and the political leaders who live only to fulfill their selfish agenda, have already surrendered to the enemies. So, they are mum, too. They are vocal only against the Islamists who want to establish Islamic state. Like the *ulama* of the Bani Israel, they have been very successful to hide the Qur'anic Islam from the public eye. As a result of their wide spread evil, Islam that prescribes sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khelafa*, Muslim unity and jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la stands stranger in the Muslim World and even gets abused inside the mosque as terrorism! (18/07/2017).

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# The Muslims' Collective Failure & the Celebration of Occupation

The fake independence

Within the last 60 years, most of the Muslim countries have received independence from the direct rule of their colonial masters. But, the so-called independence doesn't give the Muslims the basic human rights to practise their political independence. Nor do they enjoy the religious rights to practise even the most crucial and defining Islamic obligations like sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khilafa*, trans-ethnic Muslim unity and jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la in any of these Muslim countries. Bangladesh is typical example of such a pseudo-independent country. Whereas, the Muslims fully enjoyed such rights in their native lands prior to the colonial occupation. The so-called independence has turned so fake that it doesn't give them the freedom to dismantle even the divisive and de-empowering walls of the Muslim World –especially in the Middle East, created only to serve the colonial interest. Any attempt to draw the political map on the basis of the obligatory pan-Islamic brotherhood –as was the norm in most part of the Muslim history, is reversed even by full-fledged war. The enemy-imposed disintegration of the Muslim World into 57 states is now labelled as an integral part of international stability and security; hence, not allowed to break the divisive walls.

About 1.4 billion Indians of different religions, languages, casts and ethnicities live in one state. But less than 300 million Arab Muslims of same language, same religion and same ethnicity are forced to live inside the walls of more than 20

states –like the condemned detainees in prison cells. Such divisive prison cells –called states, are built only to protect the exploitative interest of the western imperialists, the security interest of Israel and the survival interest of the autocratic despots. These walls are also deemed essential by the imperialists to stop spillage of oil revenues to the neighbouring poor people. These are reserved only for their own exploitation. The colonial *kufir* laws, the western evil ideologies, the corruptive politics and the economics of multi-national exploitation still maintain their unfettered occupation in these so-called independent states. What could be the worst irony that the Muslims celebrate such occupation as liberation! The anti-Islamic secularist elites -trained and tamed in the old colonial institutions, play the most decisive role to sustain such occupation. In most of the Muslim countries, the civil and military enclaves of these ruling elites are indeed the ideological cum cultural islands of the Western imperialists. These enclaves show little dissimilarities from the Western main lands.

As a result of such occupation, trillions of dollars of oil, gas, petrodollars and other natural assets of the Muslim World are adding more affluence and military strength to the imperialist *kuffars* than to the Muslims. All the bombs and missiles that are dropped on the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Somalia, Yemen and other countries are indeed made by oil and gas money of the Muslim countries. It is worth noting, despite trillions of dollars of unearned petrodollars, 1.6 billion Muslims continue to remain the most powerless and the most defenceless people on earth. Instead, the brutal rulers of these client states receive the non-stop supply of bomber jets, heavy artilleries, tanks, cluster bombs, chemical bombs, and missiles to kill more people and destroy more cities. Recently, the US President Mr. Donald Trump visited Saudi Arabia; and sold 110 billion dollars of weapon to enhance the kingdom's killing power against its own people and the neighbours. The USA also sold 12 billion dollars of weapons to

a tiny country of Qatar with a native population less than four hundred thousand.

### **The collective failure**

For such an ongoing occupation of the Muslim countries, not a single group, generation or tribe to be blamed. It owes to the collective failure of the whole *ummah*. Rebellion against the orders of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and promoting their own opportunistic agenda indeed lie in the heart of all failures. They ignored the Islamic principle that obeying the Qur'anic prescription is an obligation on every Muslim; no one enjoys the exemption. Awfully, most of the Muslims pay little heed to such Qur'anic obligation. Islam is no more practised in the way as has been practised in the early days of Islam. When the Muslim countries remain occupied by the colonialists for about two hundred years, most of the Muslims showed total inaction or abstention. A very few took part in jihad against the occupying *kuffars* –although obligatory in all ages. Their action thus stands exactly opposite to that of the early Muslims. When the first Islamic state was attacked by the Arab, Persian or Roman *kuffars*, the Muslim participation in jihad was more than 90 cent percent. Only the sick, the blind and the lame stayed behind. In war against the invading Roman Army in Tabuk, only three Muslims didn't take part. In response, they received a social boycott.

*Iman* of a believer never remains hidden; shows its visible expression through participation in war in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Physical, financial and intellectual involvement in jihad against the enemies of Islam indeed stands as the most reliable test of a Muslim's faith. Even a hypocrite can dress like a Muslim. He can join the religious rituals and spent money in charity, too. But, he doesn't possess the moral strength or appetite to sacrifice his life in a war against Islam's enemies. The enemies of Islam now



appear everywhere; almost all of the Muslim countries stand under their occupation. These forces of falsehood have dismantled sharia, *hudud*, shura, Muslim unity, Islamic education and other basics of Islam all over the Muslim World. But, where is jihad against these warring agents of falsehood? Instead, they accept them as the leader and celebrate their rule. Whereas, because of jihad, a few thousand people of Medina could raise the most powerful Islamic state in history. They could defeat two contemporary World Powers like the Roman and the Persian Empires. Within a very short period of time, they emerged as the most powerful state on earth. They could release millions of people from centuries-old slavery and tyranny. They could also practise full Islam with its sharia, *hudud*, shura, *khelafa* and trans-ethnic Muslim brotherhood without an iota of compromise. This is why, they got labelled as the best people on earth in all ages.

### **The collective failure**

In comparison to the achievement of the early Muslims, failure of today's 1.6 billion Muslims is awful and humiliating. They could raise large armies; and could also build huge number of shops, roads, schools, universities and industries. But, they can't even think of any Islamic state in any part of the world, let alone establishing it. They have made history in inaction, submission and surrender. Millions of them have even taken the path of collaboration and coalition with the invading enemies only to appease their opportunistic greed. Thus, they could move towards a total failure not only on the earth but also in the hereafter. The moral depletion of today's Muslims has been so profound that it has caused serious ethical inability to hate, condemn or protest against the most brutal enemy aggression in any part of the Muslim world. So, the largest anti-war demonstration against the US invasion in Iraq in 2003 didn't take place in any of the big Muslim capitals like Jakarta, Islamabad, Cairo, Dhaka or Ankara.

rather in London, Paris or Rome.

The symptoms of the collective failure of the Muslims are huge; expressed robustly through moral, cultural, spiritual, educational, ideological and political failures. Of ten topmost corrupt countries of the world, most are the Muslim countries. Similarly, the most brutal autocrats who deny the basic human rights to their own people also claim to be Muslim. These despots are so cruel and genocidal that they roll tanks and heavy artilleries on the streets to kill unarmed protestors –as seen in recent years in Cairo, Islamabad, Dhaka, Damascus, in many Muslim cities. The government of Syria dropped chemical bombs, barrel bombs and cluster bombs on the civilians to kill or evict them from homes. When the people of Gaza got the shower of Israeli bombs, the Egyptian government didn't bother to open the border to receive even the wounded children and women. When the traumatised Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar tried to take shelter in the neighbouring Bangladesh, initially their boats were not allowed to get nearer to the shore. They were forced to sail for far distant Malaysia, Thailand or Indonesia

### **The calamity of cowardice**

Cowardice immorality adds huge incompetence to be a true Muslim. Because, it indeed needs minimum courage to tell the truth and stand against injustices. Nor does it help qualify for basic human rights. Such rights have never been a gift, rather earned by bloody combat against the oppressive tyrants. The long imprisonment always deconstructs souls, beliefs and character; and it proved true during the long slavery under the colonial tyrants. It worked as a strong dehumanising factor to culminate cowardice among the Muslims. So, they could be easy prey for the home-grown autocrats. Therefore, the criminal rulers are not the only party to the crime in the Muslim World; the complicity of the cowardice people who

accept such native or foreign killers as the ruler and work as their obedient servants also bear the blame. Such submission to the criminal despots brings disgrace, failure and punishment both here and in the hereafter. Indeed, such submission to the criminal despots is incompatible with true submission to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. This is why, fighting against kuffar occupation is such a high ibadah in Islam. Those who are killed in the encounter, are promised to the paradise without any trial.

The tyrants always make it impossible to follow the Qur'anic roadmap; they have their own roadmap to be pursued by their subjects. Hence, standing against tyrant rulers is not a political agenda, it is a prophetic job. To add more importance to that, Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him), Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and many prophets were commanded to stand face to face against the tyrants like Nimrod and Pharaoh. For freeing people from sinful submission to the evil rulers, jihad comes as the best form of *ibadah*. It stands as a Qur'anic obligation. To disseminate such a message, Allah Sub'hana Ta'la commands His great prophet (peace be upon him) to announce the following Qur'anic advice to the people in public: "O prophet! Say (to the people): I advise you only on one thing, rise up for Allah (against the criminals who oppose Islam) in two (if possible) or singly (on your own)." -(Sura Saba, verse 46).

### **The common kuffar agenda**

Falsehood and its awful calamities never die. Instead, it keeps on challenging the Divine Truth all the time. In all ages, it gets new preachers, new leaders and new armies. Hence, the enmity to Islam that could attain the cataclysmic hype at the time of Nimrod and Pharaoh still survives under the US-led imperialists. Corrupting the Qur'anic ideology of Islam as well as the physical occupation of the Muslim *ummah*

receive the highest priority in their politics, economics and warfare. For carrying out such anti-Islamic agenda, they have recruited a huge number of fake *ulama*, fraudulent Muslim intellectuals and mercenaries from the Muslim lands. They consider the rise of Islam as a great threat to the western civilisation. In his meeting on July 6, 2017 with the Russian President Mr. Vladimir Putin in Hamburg, the US President Mr. Donald Trump very candidly expressed such fear. To encounter the Islamic challenge, he sought very earnestly the Russian collaboration. Such a request for the Russian help exposes his deep fear that the US alone can't win its war against the Islam. Such Islamophobia dominates not only in the psyche of President Donald Trump; the leaders of EU, Russia, India, China and other non-Muslim countries are no exception. These *kuffar* countries have a lot of differences on a lot of issues; but while they deal with Islam and the Muslims, show the full consensus. Because of such consensus, these imperialist countries could easily give the full legality to the illegal creation of Israel on an entirely occupied Muslim land of Palestine. Now, they show the full consensus too, in condemning any resistance against such illegal occupation as terrorism. Because of the same anti-Islamic venom, fighting against the US-led occupying force in a Muslim land get condemned as terrorism.

Each of the imperialist countries has its old anti-Muslim and anti-Islamic war in its own domain. Such wars take these countries naturally and understandably to the anti-Muslim camp. The USA is heavily entangled in its long and never-ending imperialistic war against the Islamists in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Somalia and Palestine. The US Army has killed more than a million people in those countries and turned hundreds of cities and villages to rubbles. Thus the US has already raised a huge flame of hatred in the Muslim souls; and every day they are adding more fuel to the flame by killing more people. Russia has the similar genocidal war in Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan and Syria. In 1999, the Russian

Army flattened the whole city of Grozny –the capital of Chechnya and killed thousands. The Russian war planes also flattened historic Syrian city of Aleppo and many other in Syria, too. India's war in Kashmir and China's war in Xinjiang are no less genocidal either. More than a hundred thousand Muslims have already been killed in Kashmir. The Indian Army's killing mission still continues with more lethal weapons. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Israel will definitely add more killing skills and weapons to the Indian Army. Anyone who stands against such killing of the Muslims is labelled as terrorist. But what an irony that those who occupy foreign countries, flatten cities and kill millions claim to be the torch bearer of a civilisation –as Donald Trump claims that the US is defending Western civilisation! Therefore the question arises, what else is the barbarity? On such a perverted conceptual premise, evicting people from homes, total destruction of cities and bombing people to death are declared as victory. Therefore, almost total destruction of Aleppo, Ramadi, Fallujah, Tikrit, Kobani, Raqqa and Mosul is celebrated as a great victory both by the occupying power and their cronies in the Muslim land. The occupied Muslim lands have indeed proven to be the fertile breeding ground for such servile cronies. The physical, intellectual and political occupation has proven to be so much morally toxic that the Muslims of the occupied land even join the *kuffar* enemies to celebrate their victories –as seen in Jerusalem and Damascus in 1917, Dhaka in 1971, in Kabul in 2001 and in Baghdad in 2003. And now, they celebrate the occupation of the native tyrants.

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# The Survival Challenge and the Muslims' Betrayal

## The marker of faith

A Muslim has never been free from challenges since the day one of his appointment as the viceroy of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la on earth. Because, the devilish powers never sit idle against the Divine agenda. It is indeed the survival challenge as His *khalifa*. In order to survive against the challenges, the Muslims have no option but to follow the Qur'anic roadmap. And, Jihad –the holy war against the enemies, is the indispensable part of the roadmap. In human history, war always played the most decisive role in defending, destroying or transforming the human lives, societies or civilisation. Indeed, wars were used to commit the worst crime on earth. In fact, all genocidal cleansings are done by the warmongers; more than 75 million people are killed only in two World Wars. Hence, such genocidal and devastating wars are forbidden in Islam.

On the other hand, engaging in some wars are the best deed on earth. Such war promote Divine plan; and save lives, religion, and the Islamic state on earth. Hence, sacrifice of life in such wars takes one directly to the paradise. Therefore, such holy war matters hugely in human life. One must know when to make war and when not to make or join a war. Awfully, most of the people show their total ignorance vis-à-vis such crucial matter. So, millions of people join as mercenaries of the wickedest forces on earth. Because of them, the colonialists, imperialists and the tyrannical thugs didn't suffer from shortage of foot-soldiers in their genocidal wars or in wars of occupation. In recent years, even millions of Muslims joined such warfare.

Wars that are launched against the evil forces and to promote

the cause of Islam are called jihad. Participation in such war is indeed the most defining marker of *iman*. The prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) made that point very clear by saying: "Those who have never fought any jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and nor does intend to do so are *munafiq* (fake Muslim)." Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made this point very binding in the holy Qur'an. Islam is not about mere belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and in His prophet and performing religious rituals like five time prayer, month long fasting, haj and giving charity. It is much more than that. A believer needs to buy a place in paradise by fulfilling a solemn pledge with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. The pledge with Almighty Allah tells that he will fight for His cause and will be ready even to die for that. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la reveals the text of His solemn transaction with the believers in the following verse: "Certainly, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties in exchange for that they will have a place in paradise, that they will fight in Allah's way, so they kill and are killed. It is a true promise binding upon Him in the Torah and the Gospel and in the Qur'an. And who is more faithful to his promise than Allah? Therefore, rejoice in your transaction which you have made; and it is that which is the great attainment." – (Sura Taubah, in verse 111).

An infinite life in paradise is indeed the greatest gift from Allah Sub'hana wa Tala. No one can think of such an achievement with all of his life-long prayers and good deeds. With all of his good deeds, he can't even pay the price of all the *niamah* (bounties) that he enjoys for his life-long sustenance as human. He can't even buy another heart or a lung or a kidney or a brain by all of his life-long earning, let alone pay the value of the whole body. Who can pay the price of oxygen that he consumes in his life time? Who can pay the price of an unthinkable comfort in paradise? It is beyond the capacity of any human: even the whole earth full of gold can't match its worth. So, Allah Sub'hana wa Tala tells about the

absurdity: “Even the whole earth full of gold will not be accepted from one of them (disbeliever) if offered as ransom (to get released from hellfire and for a place in paradise)” –(Sura Al Imaran, verse 91). Truly, only the forgiveness from Allah Sub’hana wa Tala and His great mercy can help get a place in paradise. For that, even all prophets will need His mercy and forgiveness.

### **The gateway of blessing**

Therefore, a believer must search very passionately for the prescribed gateway for the Divine blessings and forgiveness. The blessings come as per Qur’anic promise when a human complies fully with the deal of transaction with Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. The above verse is indeed gives the details of such a transaction. The fulfilment of this holy transaction indeed opens the window of great opportunity to get the promised blessing and forgiveness. How important is the war in the way of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la, the above verse also gives a clear emphasis on that. Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la didn’t make such pledge of transaction with the believer who does a lot of good deeds but do not intend to sacrifice their life in the way of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la. It was indeed the greatest wisdom of the companions of prophet (peace be upon him) that they took the full benefit of the above pledge. For getting His mercy and forgiveness, and ultimately a place in paradise, they didn’t rely solely on their prayers and good deeds. Rather they moved much beyond to fulfil the pledge. Hence, more than 70 per cent of companions sacrificed their life in jihad. But today, the Muslims have taken a different route. They pay little importance to fulfil the pledge. They think that the declaration of faith, five times prayer, month-long fasting, haj and charity will be enough to please Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la and to get His mercy and forgiveness. As if, the companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) were short of such stuff!



Since war is an inevitable and an integral part of the Muslims' life, they need the crucial guidance from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la vis-à-vis the correct agenda of war and the correct conduction of war. So, it is revealed: "Those who believe (in Allah), they fight in the way of Allah and those disbelieve, they fight in the way of *Shaitan*. Therefore, fight against the friends of *Shaitan*; surely strategy of *Shaitan* is weak"—(Sura Nisa, verse 76). In the above verse, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made it clear that the war in His way is the integral part of a Muslim's life. Almighty Allah also exposes the agenda of *Shaitan* in any warfare. It is also made clear that a Muslim must not have any war except the war in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. All other wars that are fought to promote tribal, racial, national or secular agenda or personal whims of a despot are indeed the satanic wars for falsehood. A true Muslim must not a part of it; rather must stay away from investing his wealth, energy and life from such evil enterprise. In the above verse, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la draws a confrontational scenario of the bipolar world; and shows how the forces of Truth must stand face to face against the forces of falsehood.

### **The obligation & betrayal**

In the above verse, a Muslim is commanded only to fight against the forces of evil. Since such a fight is obligatory and a war is always a life and death issue, a Muslim must know not only the prayer timings and prayer rituals, but also his role and position in this confrontational bipolar world. In absence of such understanding, even those who offer five times prayer, keep month-long fasting, perform haj and give charity may join the evil forces to harm Islam and the Muslims. It is indeed the most catastrophic ignorance in life. With such ignorance, people sacrifice their time, skills, wealth and even life to serve the agenda of the evil forces. It is indeed a common scenario in the Muslim World.

Although jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la attracts a very few in the Muslim World, millions of lives are being lost and billions of dollars are being spent in the Muslim World to promote tribal, national, secular, monarchical and other satanic agenda. This way, they show the ugliest betrayal of the pledge that was made with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Because of such betrayal, the most corrupt despots and the occupying *kuffar* forces get huge servile manpower in their rank. And Islam remains ignored and defeated. Therefore, how the people perform their religious rituals is not the only important issue. How and where to deploy themselves in the ongoing bloody war is more crucial. It indeed decides the ultimate fate of an individual both here and in the hereafter. What could be the worst crime of a man or woman than investing the most invaluable endowment of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala like his time, wealth, intellect and even life in the service of evil forces? It is indeed the criminal misuse of physical, material and intellectual *amanah* and the ugliest *khiana* (betrayal) of the assigned role as His viceroy. The question arises, how long the Muslims can avoid the punishment of such crime of betrayal? 20/08/2017

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## **The Enemy Obsession of War & the Islamic Option**

### **The decisive factor**

The fate of Islam or the Muslims has never been decided on the prayer mat or by mere supplication. Nor by recitation or memorization of the holy Book. It has always been decided in

the war field. The combat zone against enemies is the only place where Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la examine the believers' *iman* and scrutinize their commitment for His cause. So, the most successful prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) had to build his army and needed to make the most successful war strategies. He needed to lead many wars, too. It is also the harsh reality of the history that if the Muslims do not make any war, the enemy's brutal war still visits them. A Muslim mind must be embedded with the historical truth that the enemies of Islam are either on a constant war or on a preparation for a war against the Muslims. Hence, the prophet of Islam (peace be upon him) didn't need to launch any war against the *kuffars* of Arabia, they came again and again on the edge of Medina to annihilate the newly established Islamic State. Likewise, the Indian or the Arab Muslims didn't need to invade England to invite the British colonial occupation in the Muslim empires. Similarly, the Afghan and Iraqi Muslims didn't need to bomb any USA territory to invite the US bombers to flatten their cities to rubbles and kill millions of Muslim men, women and children.

Such enemy invasion has always been the expression of the imperialists' war obsession. A wolf needs to run for a new prey each day; it is its survival option. The imperialists too have their own survival need. So, they always plan for new invasion in a new land. So, the US imperialistic invasion didn't end in Philippines, Korea, Vietnam or Panama; nor did end with the invasion of Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Now they plan to bomb North Korea, Iran and Venezuela. To keep such imperialistic dominance alive, they want to keep their global monopoly in warfare. So, they eulogise every bloody war of occupation in every land but condemn every war of resistance as terrorism. In order to keep such monopoly of war, they want to keep the weaker people permanently weaker and demilitarised. So the Muslims need to be all time war-ready too. There exists no other option.

Since Islam has a social, cultural, political and civilizational objectives, easily become the target of all evil forces on earth. They can't tolerate Islam as a civilizational force. Hence, they want to restrict Islam only within the premises of mosques or people's private life. In order to give sustenance to their corruptive rule, they annihilate teachings of Islam from all political, judicial, cultural and educational arenas. In such coercive context, the Muslims must know their own options. Surrender to such evil forces can only make them ideologically, politically and culturally extinct; thus become incompetent to add any glory to Islam and the Muslims. In fact, such a surrender puts the Muslims' own survival at a risk -as has been the case of Muslims of Russia, China, India and many other countries under *kuffar* occupation. For the same reason, the Muslims met a catastrophic mass extinction in Spain even after more than 700 years' of Muslim rule. Even under the coercive occupation of the home-grown secularists, monarchists, or nationalists with the Muslim names, the Muslims face more or less the same fate. Islam loses the ground as the dominant political, ideological, spiritual and cultural force. In fact, the Muslims' current calamities owe to these home-grown enemies with Muslim names. They give sustenance to the same old colonial legacy. Hence, surrender to anti-Islamic forces -of whatever name or denominator, can never be an option for a believer.

### **Absence of war-readiness & the failure**

The Muslims need to be not only *prayer-ready*, but also all-time *war-ready* against the invading enemies. The enemies always search for a moment when the Muslims look lazy or unmindful in defending their borders. Hence, in Islam, unintentional omission in five-time prayer can be compensated in other times; but the crime of unmindful omission in war-readiness is unforgiveable. There is no *qada* for it; hence can't be done in other times. All the consequent calamities of

the enemy occupation of the Muslim World indeed owe to such lack of war-readiness against the enemy invasion. The early Muslims are known for their moral highness and many great attributes. But the virtue that played the most pivotal role to make them the closest friends of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la was the all-time war-readiness against His enemies. It worked as the pivotal key to all of their miraculous successes. Such war-readiness brought down His greatest blessing on their side in any war. As a result, the Army of angels descended in the war fields.

Every war of a believer is nothing else but a jihad in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. In fact, a Muslim can't engage in any war other than jihad. Hence, his war-readiness is indeed the readiness for the highest level of *ibadah*. The people of Israel failed to show such readiness for a holy war; therefore met the Divine wrath. They were asked to conquer Palestine and establish an Islamic state to practise sharia -revealed to Prophet Musa. They had many fold manpower than the number of Muslims at the time of Badr, Uhud, Khandaq and Makkah expedition. They were several hundred thousand in number when they left Egypt and took shelter in the Sinai Peninsula. But still, they showed extreme arrogance and cowardice incompetence. They failed badly in the test. They told: "O Musa! You and your Allah go forth to war; we stay in waiting!" Such disobedience against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's Command earned for them the wrathful punishment. In the holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana Ta'la narrated the stories of these failed students of the Divine religion to warn the Muslims against such betrayal. Warning of such punishment comes in the following verse: "If you do not go forth (in war in the way of Allah), He will punish you with a painful punishment and bring in your place a people other than you.."—(Sura Taubah, verse 39). As the part of punishment, the people of Israel were made stateless vagabond on earth. If they had obeyed the Command of Allha Subhana wa Ta'la, they would have received thousands of angels on their side and could defeat any power on earth.

Thus, they could emerge as the most powerful Islamic civilizational force in the life time of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) –as happened in the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the early Muslims. But very disobediently they missed such a golden opportunity. Freedom from the clutches of Pharaoh didn't help them attain any further success.

Even a hypocrite may show readiness for prayer. Hundreds of hypocrites used to pray behind the prophet (peace be upon him) in Medina. But they failed to show any war-readiness against the enemies of Islam. Three hundreds of them withdrew from an army of only 1,000 while approaching the warfront at Ohud. All-time war-readiness in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la thus plays as the most visible marker of the true faith. The companions of the prophet (peace be upon him) excelled in such readiness; hence could emerge as the proper Army of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. All of their wars were the true jihad in His way. Who wants the defeat of his own army? Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la doesn't wish it either. Therefore, they were not left alone in any war against the *kuffars*; the Army of angels came down to their side as the part of the same extra-terrestrial Islamic coalition. The crucial war of Badr is an example. In that decisive war against the *kuffars*, the Muslims were fewer in number, poorly armed and less trained. But they received a thousand of angels on their side. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la gives His Own narrative: "When you sought aid from your Lord, so He answered, "I will assist you with a thousand of angels following one another."—(Sura Anfal, verse 9). According to a prophetic narration, Shaitan always gets frustrated on the day of Arafah for huge blessing from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. But His blessing on the day of Badar surpassed even the blessing on the great day of Arafah.

**The only option**

Because of decisive help from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, the early Muslims turned invincible. As a result, less than one million poor Arab Muslims could defeat the two contemporary World Powers like the Roman and the Persian empires. Hence, could emerge quickly as the most powerful civilizational force on earth. Whereas today, the defeat of the Muslims is huge and humiliating. More than 1,600 million Muslims can't protect even Islam's holy lands; the first *kibla* of the Muslims stays occupied by few million Jews. What a disgrace that entrance to Al-Aqsa mosque -the historic house of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, stays under the Israeli control! And, the heart lands of Islam like Palestine, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen stands also occupied by the *kuffar* armies. In many parts of the world –like Kashmir, Rakhine, Mindanao, Xinxiang, Chechnya, the Muslim cities and villages are now used as the killing fields by the enemies. The Muslims are now visible only as the silent spectators of the crimes: not as protestors even in the Muslim majority countries.

What a shame that the largest protest against the USA's Iraq invasion didn't take place in Jakarta, Karachi, Dhaka, Cairo or Istanbul, but in London, Paris or Rome. Such awful state of today's Muslim owes to lack of the most fundamental virtue of the early Muslims. Their incompetence as well reluctance to be the Army of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala is shocking. Such incompetence indeed works as the mother of all other failures. They have failed to show any readiness or willingness to fight any war in the way Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. They show their readiness to fight, support or die for wars only for their tribal, national or evil ideologies. In the early days of Islam, such failure used to be recognised as a marker of hypocrisy.

Victory over an enemy comes only through blessing from Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Tala. The holy Qur'an is very explicit on such issue. So it is revealed: "Victory is only from Allah" –(Sura Anfal, verse 10). Therefore, the Muslims

can't expect to win any war relying on the numerical strength, strong economy or arsenal. Such an expectation is a sin of unpardonable *shirk*. In absence of such blessing, more than 1.6 billion people are destined to lose a war. Moreover, blessing comes in a war if qualified for that. So, the entire focus of the Muslims must be to qualify for His blessing. It needs total commitment for His cause. The Army of angels never arrive in any war if the Muslims do not show their own presence there. Likewise, supplication for Divine help only works if made standing face to face against the enemy. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la wants to see such war-readiness of the Muslims against the invading enemies. Hence the command comes: "(O Muslims!) Keep yourself ready against them (the enemy of Islam and the Muslims) in all possible means that you can manage as to military power and war-horse garrisons; through which you strike fear in the heart of the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others beside them whom you do not know but whom Allah knows."—(Sura Anfal, verse 60).

In Islam, absence or running away from a war against an invading enemy is not an option. He must show his war-readiness. For war-readiness, a Muslim needs spiritual, intellectual and conceptual build-up. It needs deep *taqwa*. It needs constant urge to save his life from an infinite hellfire. It needs Islamisation thoughts through Qur'anic learnings. Those who are infatuated with secular dogmas, thoughts or ideologies and oblivious of hellfire can't get such moral fitness. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la started such Islamisation of beliefs and thoughts from day one of prophet's prophet hood, obligatory rituals like 5 time prayers, month-long fasting, zakat, and haj came much later. But such Islamisation was totally reversed by the colonial occupiers; rather they started a state-run process of full de-Islamisation. The educational institutions, the political organisations and the administrative machineries are used as powerful instruments for such an objective through centuries. Indeed, the Muslims have reached the current awful state as a



result of such deep de-Islamisation. More awfully, the Muslims still show little sense to come out of the devastating route!

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# How to Save Our Souls from Hellfire? Part- 6

## The highway to heaven

Mere pronouncement of faith in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and in His religion doesn't do any good for any individual, nor for any society. Faith needs to be fully transferred into action, otherwise it is meaningless. And the best form of transformation of faith is jihad. Jihad then brings huge revolution in believers' life. Then he becomes a powerful instrument of change. Jihad then works as the express way to heaven. His mind and mentality, his culture and politics, his behaviour and attitude become fully incompatible with all evil ideas and all forms of devilish practices. He then works as the true viceroy of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. He indeed walks on earth as a man of heaven.

Jihad is not only a Divine sanction, rather the most important obligation in the Muslims' life. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la appreciates it as the best deed; and the Muslims attained the highest position in the sight of Allah by engaging in that deed. The high recognition of his deeds comes in the following verse: "You are the best of peoples (on the Earth), raised for (the benefit of) mankind, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong and believing in Allah."—(Sur Al-

Imran, verse 110).

In Islam, Jihad has all time relevance and importance. And while all the Muslim countries are occupied by the forces vehemently opposed to Sovereignty of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His sharia, jihad has special importance. Those who don't engage in jihad, their faith, rituals and supplication don't add any real worth to those practices. In Qur'an they are sternly rebuked and promised with severe punishment and replacement by other people. Such clear admonition comes in the following verse: "O you who have believed, what is [the matter] with you that, when you are told to go forth in the cause of Allah (i.e. in jihad), you adhere heavily to the earth? Are you satisfied with the life of this world rather than the Hereafter? But what is the enjoyment of worldly life compared to the Hereafter except a [very] little. If you do not go forth, He will punish you with a painful punishment and will replace you with another people, and you will not harm Him at all. And Allah is over all things competent."—(Sura Taubah, verse 38-39).

Wars are the most devastating phenomenon in human history. No other sector inflicted so such financial and human cost than wars. Since most of the wars are fought by the devils and to promote their evil agenda, it is the singular cause to take huge number of people to the hellfire. It still receives the highest political and budgetary priority for resource investment. Allah Subhana Ta'ala reveals: "Those who believe they fight in the cause of Allah, and who disbelieve they fight in the cause of Satan. So fight against the allies of Satan. Indeed the plot of Satan has ever been weak." -(Sura Nisa, verse 76). To save soul from the hellfire, it is crucially important that one must understand the different people with their explicit and implicit war agenda. Otherwise, he may die on the wrong side of the war and directly reach the hellfire. In both the World Wars, thousands of so-called Muslims fought in the imperialists' war to protect and promote

the imperialist hegemony globally. While Palestine and Iraq were occupied by the British in 1917, the large numbers of the soldiers were Muslims. Even now, hundreds of thousands so-called Muslims are fighting shoulder to shoulder with the *kuffars* in civil and military uniforms. So, it is major route, even in Muslim countries to take people down to the hellfire. What can be more important than closing this satanic route?

Heavy weapons, huge manpower and high trainings are not the prerequisites for jihad. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la wants to see peoples' intention and readiness for sacrifice. Victory in jihad is not in anybody's hand; decided only by Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. His help is the main deciding factor. The holy Qur'an reveals: "Wa ma nasru illa min indillah, innallaha azizun hakim" (and victory is only from Allah; surely Allah is Mighty and Wise).— (Sura Anfal, verse 10). Can any world power undo Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's power? The Muslims never won any war in their glorious past by higher number of manpower, nor by superior weapons. Those who keep Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la out of their power equation, they fear people than Him. So, they fear joining jihad too. But Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la asks: "Go forth, whether light or heavy, and strive with your wealth and your lives in the cause of Allah. That is better for you, if you only knew."—(Sura Taubah, verse 41). Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala's army of angels are ever ready to help the fighting believers.

The believers get the highest reward here and in the hereafter only when their faith transform them into fighting force in the way of Allah Sub'ana wa Ta'la; and only this way they become the active game-changers and the civilizational force on the world stage. Otherwise mere faith of billions of Muslims plays very little creative or constructive role —as it is evidenced today. So, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la recommends: "So, let them fight in the way of Allah, who sell this worldly life for the sake of hereafter; and whoever fights in the way of Allah, then he be slain or be victorious, We shall grant

him a mighty reward.”—(Sura Nisa, verse 74). Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la, loves these fighters very much; and if any one dies in His cause, He made it forbidden (*haram*) to call them dead. They are declared alive. It is revealed, “And, do not say about those who are killed in the way of Allah that they are dead. Rather they are alive, but you do not perceive it”—(Sura Baqara, verse 154). They are so much welcome to the heaven that they need not wait for the judgement day; they are given instant entrance.

But there exist tendencies to negate or neglect the Divine obligation of jihad. People argue: if the Muslims were given rights to build mosques and madrasa; can offer salah, keep fasting, perform haj and read Qur’an -why there should need jihad? This is indeed discernible deviation from original Islamic roadmap. Mosques and madrasa can be built even in *kuffar* lands. In *kuffar* countries, Muslims get invited even for *iftar* party in President or Prime Ministers’ palaces, and offered prayer mats. Is this all that Islam wants? Where is the implement of sharia? Where is *khelafa* & *shura*? Where is the Muslim unity? Where are the human rights? Where is Islam as a deen (code of life) with overwhelming glory on the global stage? Absence of any one of these is in fact a profound cause of instant jihad. Currently, almost all of the Muslim countries are under the occupation of anti-Islamic forces who like a full *kafir*, do not want implementation of sharia and detest abolition of wall of divisions. Can a believer succumb to such an occupation? Even in the time of the prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam), there were people who claimed to be believer, but didn’t like jihad. Allah Su’hana exposes their hypocrisy saying: “But when the fighting was ordained for them, at once a section of them feared men as they fear Allah or even more. They said, “Our Lord! Why have You ordained upon us fighting? Would that You had granted us respite for a short period? Say: “Short is the enjoyment of this world. The hereafter is far better for him who fear Allah..”-( Sura Nisa, verse77)

## The inevitable test

No promotion in life is pain-free, cost-free or effort-free. And the promotion from a trivial and troublesome worldly life to an infinite life amidst heavenly pleasure is extremely huge. Hence, the test for selecting the right candidates for such a promotion is immensely tough. It needs purging the worst out of the best. So Allah Su'hana Ta'la declares: "Do men think that they will be left alone on saying, "We believe" and that they will not be tested? Certainly We did test those before them, and so Allah will certainly know those who are the true from those who are liars" –(Sura Ankabut verse 2-3). So, in order to figure out the exact merits of the people, tests and trials have no substitute. Jihad in the way of Allah Su'hana Ta'la works as a powerful tool to select the self-sacrificing *shaheed* (martyrs) from others. So, it is revealed: "If a wound has afflicted you (in the battle of Ohud), a wound like that it has also afflicted the (unbelieving) people (in battle of Badar) and We bring these days to men by turns, and that Allah may know those who believe and take witnesses from among you; and Allah does not love the unjust." –(Surah Al-Imran, verse 140).

The Qur'anic revelations to emphasize the importance of trials are many. Some of those verses are quoted here: "Do you think that you will enter Heaven while Allah has not yet known those of you fought hard (in His cause) and remained steadfast?" (Sura Imran, verse 142). "Or do you think that you will enter Heaven while yet the state of those who have passed away before you has not come upon you? They encountered sufferings and adversity, and were shaken so violently that even the prophet and those of faith with him cried, "When will come the help of Allah? Ah! Surely the help of Allah is near." –(Sura Baqara verse 214). "What do you think that you will be abandoned while Allah has not yet known those of you who have fought hard and have not taken any one as friends or

protectors except Allah and His apostle and the believers; and Allah is aware of what you do". –(Sura Taubah, verse 16). "Say, [O Muhammad],"If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your relatives, wealth which you have obtained, commerce wherein you fear decline, and dwellings with which you are pleased are more beloved to you than Allah and His Messenger and jihad in His cause, then wait until Allah executes His command. And Allah does not guide the defiantly disobedient people." –(Sura Taubah, verse 24).

Allah Su'hana Ta'la asks, "And help one another in goodness and piety and do not help in sin and aggression; and be careful of (your duty to) Allah; and surely Allah is severe in punishing (evil). –( Sura Maida verse 2). The Muslims pay little heed to such guidance. Instead of helping one another in promoting piety, the Muslims now collaborate with the imperialists to promote occupation, corruption, exploitation and genocidal war in the Muslim countries -as witnessed in Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq and now in Syria. They allow the enemies to set up military, naval and air force bases in Muslim lands to kill Muslims. The Muslim cities are being bombed to rubbles and millions of men, women and children are killed with their active collaboration. How these collaborators of the enemies will go unpunished here and in the hereafter?

### **Unity: the utmost obligation**

Disunity is forbidden (haram) in Islam. A believer can't cause or celebrate any disunity of the *Ummah*: such an act opens the door of hellfire for him. The Qur'an reveals: "And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. the Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allah's Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islamic Faith), and you were on the brink of a

pit of Fire, and He saved you from it.” –(Sura Al-Imran, verse 103). The division of Muslim Ummah into more than 55 states; and the ever-readiness of the rulers and the armies to protect this division give clear evidence that how far the Muslims have gone away from the Qur’anic guidance. If there exists no sincere intention and jihad to break these walls of division, what else can be the stronger evidence of hypocrisy?

In Qur’an, Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la repeatedly revealed His Own likings and preferences. In His sight the best people are the believers who form cemented wall like unity and fight in His cause; as revealed: “Surely Allah loves those who fight in His Cause as if they were a firm and compact wall.” – (Sura Saf, verse 3). The Muslims are the only army of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la on earth: they do jihad, and make huge sacrifices of life and wealth to reclaim the occupied lands from *kuffars*. Only this way they could establish Sovereignty of Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la and His sharia on His land *and* add glory to Islam. The Muslims never got any victory, nor was sharia implemented anywhere on earth by mere religious rituals and supplication; they needed to engage in jihad as a united army. Can a divided army win any war? Can Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’la allow such division in His own army of the believers? Disunity is enough to incapacitate an army: hence it is forbidden in Islam. Such division brings severe punishment -as promised in the following verse: “And be not as those who divided and differed among themselves after the clear proofs had come to them. It is they for whom there is an awful torment.” –(Sura Al-Imran verse, 105).

Hence it doesn’t need to be idol worshiper or atheist to bring down Divine punishment. Disunity perfectly does the job! The current mayhem of catastrophic proportion in so many Muslim countries isn’t enough testimony to the Qur’anic revelation? Indeed, long occupation of the Muslim lands, destruction of the Muslim cities, genocidal massacres, de-Islamisation of Muslim men and women and deepening of the fratricidal division

come as the parts of the same package of Divine punishment. The people of Bani Israel were asked to do jihad against the occupying forces in Palestine; it was a golden opportunity to establish sharia under the leadership Prophet Musa (AS). They had huge manpower as were evicted from Egypt. But they refused to do so; rather told, "Go forth O Musa (AS) with your Allah to fight them, we shall stay waiting." For such refusal, the Jewish people went through punishment for thousands of years; and still the process continues. They couldn't find any safe haven on earth. Now the Muslims have entered into the same phase for the same crime. No amount of prayer, fasting, haj or supplication is helping them to end the devastating occupation of the evil forces in Muslim lands. That never worked in the past either. There is no jihad-free option for peace on earth, and nor in hereafter. Jihad with compact wall like unity of the believers is the only way to avert the incumbent Divine punishment. And it is the only way to save our souls from hellfire.

**Dawa: a tool of salvation**

Heat is inherent in any fire. It also sets fire in the neighbouring environment. The same is true with belief (i.e. iman) of a believer. *Iman* never remains hidden inside: rather spreads to others through behaviour, speech, deeds, attitude and writings. If it fails to transcend to others: it indeed doesn't exist. A believer by his or her inherent virtues is in fact, a lifelong preacher and promoter of his or her belief. *Iman* thus gets its natural expression. So, a believer can't stay solitary, he becomes a life-long missionary. Such missionary zeal of the companions of the prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) took them to the countries hundreds or



thousands of mile away from their birth place to preach Islam. Rough terrains of deserts, hills, mountains, rivers and seas couldn't stand as barrier to them. For survival, they engaged in different works, trades and professions, but those were never the purpose of their survival. They survived only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. And to please Him, they engaged in works that were ordained by Him. Calling people to Islam is indeed such a Divine sanction on every believer.

Only a single revelation in a verse in Sura Baqara (verse 185) made fasting in Ramadan an obligation on all Muslims. But there exist so many verses that ask the believers to engage in calling people to Islam. But how many Muslims take that as an obligation? The early Muslims took that obligation seriously; as a result, about 1.5 billion people could claim to be Muslims. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala decreed: "Invite (mankind, O Muhammad) to the way of your Lord (i.e. Islam) with wisdom (i.e. with the Divine Revelation and the Qur'an) and fear preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better." –(Sur Nahl verse 125). It is also commanded: "And invite people to (believe in) your Lord and be not of Al-Mushrikun ( those who associate partners with Allah). –(Sura Kasas, verse 87). Prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) is the prophet for all mankind. But it was not possible for him to take the message all over the world. In his speech in *hujjatul bida*, the prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) delegated the duty to every Muslim who would receive his message. He recommended conveying even a single *hadees* (his narration) to others. As a result, with end of prophet hood, the mission of the messenger didn't end. Rather got tremendously multiplied with the resurgence of the new Muslims. So, the Muslim Ummah became an army of missionaries. As a result, Islam spread with astonishing speed to large part of Asia, Africa and Europe.

Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala highly appreciates the missionary works of the believers; therefore reveals: "And who speaks better than he who calls to Allah and does righteous deeds,

and says: I am surely of those who submit?"—(Sura Fussilat, verse 33). Calling people to Islam may not always impress others; but it doesn't go in vain, rather strengthen faith (*iman*) of the preacher. Faith thus gets re-enforced through missionary works; a preacher of Islam thus gets closer to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala and save his souls from hellfire. So it is commanded: "And from among you there must be a party who invite people to good (Islam) and enjoin what is right and forbid the wrong and it is they who are the successful."—(Sura Al-Imran, verse 104). Hence calling people to Islam is the integral part of the road map of success -both here and in the hereafter. But submission to such command is missing among the modern days' Muslims. Therefore, not only they miss the opportunity to take the message to others (the non-Muslims), but also fail to strengthen their own *iman*. Mere *salah*, fasting or reading Qur'an can't help gain such strength: it needs full engagement in the cause of truth. As a result, state of poor *iman* or absence of *iman* runs very high in the Muslim World.

### **Captivity of evil ideologies**

The prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) of Islam said, "If anyone call others to follow right guidance, his reward will be equivalent to those who follow him (in righteousness) without their reward being diminished in any respect on their account; and if anyone invite others to follow error, the sin, of which he is guilty, will be equivalent to those of the people who follow him (in sinfulness) without their sins being diminished in any respect on that account."—(Sahih Al-Muslim, narrated by Abu Hurairah). But the so-called Muslims take the opposite route. Instead of calling people to Islam, they invest their potentials to call people to nationalism, tribalism, secularism, liberalism, fascism and other evil ideologies.

The followers of the evil ideologies now have fully occupied the whole Muslim World. Hence those who are supposed to take the message to others, themselves stand captive of these evil beliefs in their own lands. As a result, practice of original Islam with its sharia, jihad, *khilafa*, *shura*, pan-Islamic unity and many other basics –as was practised in the early days, is now made impossible. In the occupied Muslim lands, Islam exists only as a bunch of lifeless rituals –not as full *deen* (code of life). Islam’s own codes and the Qur’anic guidance have no entry to judiciary, politics, parliament or economics, business, cantonment and key areas of the Muslim countries. Islam thus stands stranger in its own lands. Incomplete submission of Iblis to Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’ala’s made him a complete *Shaitan*. But where is the full submission of those who claim to be Muslim today? Can anyone save his soul from hellfire by such incomplete submission? With such captivity of evil ideas, can one get access to heaven?  
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### Notes:

“He who does not acquire knowledge with the sole intention of seeking the Pleasure of Allah but for worldly gain, will not smell the fragrance of Jannah on the Day of Resurrection.”  
–Abu Dawood Book 13, Hadith 1391

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# How to Save Our Souls from Hellfire? Part 5

*Muslimness: the key*

To get saved from hellfire, the complete *muslimness* is the prime requisite. *Muslimness* means full submissiveness to Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It is the key to paradise. Here comes the stern warning: "O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and do not die unless you are Muslim"—(Sura Al-Imran, verse 102). Hence, for a non-Muslim, heaven's gate is forbidden. So, before death, a believer must be in a state of full submission to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. And full submission means full adherence to the Qur'anic roadmap. Such submissiveness has its own specifics. In a state of full submission to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, one doesn't possess any right to exclusively pursue his own agenda; he survives only to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Such a holy intention transcends to his all wishes and deeds. He then surrenders with all of his entities to the Almighty Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, and to His Wish and Laws (sharia). If such Muslims populate a country, the sovereignty of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His sharia law get truly implemented without an iota of compromise. Like early days of Islam, *khelafa*, *shura*, unity and *jihad* then return back to the Muslim polity.

### **The calamity of compromise**

A believer is required to stick to the Qur'anic roadmap down to the end; and must not seek any compromise or deviation to seek any quick success. The path of compromise is the path of hellfire. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la doesn't allow any compromise vis-à-vis the revealed Truth; it is a punishable crime. In believers' life, attaining success or victory must not be an issue; success comes only from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Hence it is an exclusive domain of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. He wants to see the full compliance with His guidance. Here lies the test of a believer's faith. The Qur'anic roadmap must not be sacrificed or compromised to get power, position or friendship of the enemies. Even the prophet was warned of making any compromise. The warning comes in the following way: "And

indeed, they were about to tempt you away from that which We revealed you in order to make you invent about Us something else, and then they would have taken you as a friend. – (Sura Isra verse 72). “Then (if you had), We would have made you taste double (punishment in) life and double after death. Then you would not find for yourself against Us a helper.” – (Sura Isra verse 74).

The compliance with Qur’anic guidance is a Divine obligation. Any compromise means betrayal of that obligation; hence it is an explicit marker of hypocrisy. But today, the Muslims have made ugliest history of hypocrisy by forging compromises on almost every crucial issue. Such compromise is visible in Muslims’ politics, judiciary, culture, education, economics and other aspects of life. Appeasement of the enemies and materialistic or nationalistic considerations get preference over abiding by Qur’an and pleasing Allah Sub’hana wa Ta’ala. Hence practice of sharia, pan-Islamic brotherhood and jihad are seldom visible in Muslim life. Therefore, occupation of Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq and the genocidal bombings in Muslim cities get easily incorporated by the ruling Muslim elites as the acceptable political reality. The Muslim rulers vie each other to align with the foreign murderers. The rulers embrace *jaheliya* as an ideology of modernity. This is why, in most of the Muslim countries, those who indiscriminately kill the Islamists and oppose sharia and jihad are not the non-Muslims. They are the converts to this neo-*jahalia*. They stand as stubborn enemies against any effort of the revival of Islam.

The moral death of the contemporary Muslim rulers is so complete that they do not find any moral incentive to oppose any enemy aggression and occupation in Muslim countries; nor do they condemn the ongoing atrocities. Rather they wish to be the part of the same project. The enemy have also raised huge civil and military infrastructure in every Muslim land to protect the disintegrated political map of the *Ummah* –a

meticulous creation of the imperialist enemies. Like the proven enemies, the secularists Muslims too, celebrate and strengthen the Muslims' disunity. Like the ancient *jahels*, they also firmly stand up against any attempt of revival of the un-attenuated early Islam in any Muslim land. They even forge global coalition with the *kuffars* to fight against the Islamic revival. Those who want to save their souls from the hellfire, can they align with occupiers? Can they stand aloof or pay blind eye to such occupation? Those who work shoulder to shoulder with the enemies of Islam, can they claim a place with believers in heaven?

### **The resurgent *jahelia* & the danger**

The old *jaheliya* shows a new resurgence; but with a new branding. The people of old *jaheliya* didn't have any belief in resurrection in the hereafter; hence were reckless in their sinful acts. But after the conversion to Islam, the same people could make a landmark history in enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong. That could happen due to fear of accountability in the hereafter. Such a belief in hereafter made them more focussed to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. But such fear looks abating; hence the people are returning back to the same sinful acts of the old era. They are far removed from the *siratul mustaqeem*. As a result, corruption, internal feuds and political divisions have overwhelmed the whole Muslim world. Islam survives with few rituals only within the confines of mosques.

The Muslim psyche is now deeply intoxicated with materialism, nationalism tribalism, secularism, capitalism, socialism and other brands of modern *jaheliya*. The Qur'anic Islam couldn't survive in such an intoxicated mind. Although they didn't convert to ancient idolatry; but they didn't remain in the

fold of Islam either. These new converts to modern *jaheliya* are indeed engaged in bloody proxy wars against Islam on behalf of their international masters -who strongly distaste Islam's emergence as a World power. Like the traditional enemies of Islam, they too don't want the rule of sharia law in any Muslim country. Neither do they want the Muslim unity. Nor do they like dismantling the colonial legacy of disintegrated map of the Muslim world. So, they perfectly fit into the enemy agenda.

Most of the Muslim countries are politically, culturally and militarily occupied by the forces of the modern *jaheliya*. Apart from few exceptions, most of the government offices, the military cantonments, the judiciaries, the media establishments are indeed the ideological cum cultural islands of the de-Islamised people. Islam has no influence there. Like the ancient Pharaoh and Nimrod, the modern evil forces of occupation do not allow the roadmap for heaven appear in public. Only the seductive Satanic ways are allowed to flourish.

### **The high-value task**

The deep de-Islamisation project in Muslim countries is no more the works of non-Muslims; it is being done by the people who claim to be Muslim. Hence living in such occupied land is itself a huge risk factor for disaster. Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la never bless these hypocrites; rather sends punishments. As a part of the Satanic project, the state and non-state institutions of the occupied land open avenues to take people to the hellfire. Secular education, culture, media, politics and institutions like prostitution, pornography, gambling, etc. work as vehicle to deviate people from *siratul mustaqeem*. Pulling or pushing people to such deviation is called

modernity.

Hence such secular enterprise creates the greatest man-made calamity for the mankind. It doesn't entail instant death by sunami or earth quake, but takes to the hellfire for a deathless and endless incessant burning. Hence, the non-Islamic or anti-Islamic states are the most harmful and catastrophic institution for the mankind. What can be the greatest good deed than dismantling such state and releasing people from such a disastrous path? And it involves war against the Devilish occupiers. Islam labels such a benevolent rescue effort as the holy jihad. It is the greatest ibadah in Islam. Majority of the companions of the prophet sacrificed their life for that. And those who engage in such jihad and sacrifice their life get direct access to paradise. It is a Qur'anic promise. It is such a high-value task that they get exempted from the long waiting time for the judgement day.  
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### **The Divine tradition**

To bring conceptual change cum paradigm shift in humans, as well as to cause an all-inclusive social revolution, Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la has His Own Sunnah (tradition). Muslims need to follow that *sunnah* in all ages. And it is through the holy Qur'an. The meaning of the word "*qur'an*" itself is recitation. Loud recitation and listening to the recitation are the commonest, easiest and the most effective tools of educating self and others. Whoever reads something slowly and loudly he gets its content deep down into his heart. If he does it repeatedly and slowly then it reinforces the knowledge of the recited text and also transcends to the mind of the listeners. The recitation of Qur'an in five-time prayers does it effectively; hence it was made obligatory in *salah*. So, Islam



didn't need any college or university to imprint its message on people's heart. Mosques and five times prayer in mosques and *salah* in solicitude did the job.

The holy Qur'an has the most powerful emotional, intellectual and educational content to move people's heart. No other book on the Earth could surpass that. Neither can it be fully or adequately translated in other languages. Hence the early non-Arab converts of Egypt, Levant, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Sudan and many other countries, buried their mother tongues and learnt the language of Qur'an. Therefore, they didn't miss the very powerful expression of Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la. The Divine knowledge goes down heavily when the holy Qur'an is recited in solicitude of mid or late night. Hence it was the prescribed forms of *ibada* in the early days of Islam. In the first 11 and half years of Islam in Makkah, there was no 5 times structured *salah* with *ruku* (bending), *sujud* (prostration) and *julus* (sitting); rather standing in the deep night and slow recitation of the holy Qur'an was the method of prayer. The Qur'anic knowledge through such recitation went down into their mind and brought full paradigm shift in the believers. In the whole human history, the best men and women with the highest level of piety were indeed produced in those 11 and half years of *Makkan* period and formed the bedrock of the Islamic civilisation. The recitation of the verses of the holy Qur'an in five times prayers also continues to do the same job.

Within a very short period of time, Allah Subhana Wa Ta'la's methodology worked very effectively to spread His Qur'anic message; and it could raise a huge army of deeply educated Muslims. The most educated scholars of Islam in the last 14 hundred years are not the creation of the modern universities or madrasas: they were the product of the early days' mosques. The Muslims didn't have universities or madrasas in those days either. In those early fateful days, even the common men and women didn't learn Qur'an by attending any madrasa or school.

They learnt the message of Qur'an only by being attentive to loud and slow recitation of the others in the mosques. In those days very few people could have the fully compiled Qur'an in their possession. Only four volumes were compiled at the time of Caliph Usman (RA) for four provincial headquarters. But there were hundreds of hafiz who memorised the whole Qur'an by heart. They were the mobile teachers as well as the role model for the Ummah. Book has its own limitation: it can't be a role model, nor can transcend the emotional content to others. But, through recitation, the *huffaz* can do that; they can emotionally charge the listeners to burst into tears, can fill their heart with fear and can move them to the war fields.

Recitation and listening to the recitation are so important in the making of good Muslims and for disseminating the Divine message to others that Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la made such recitation compulsory three times a day in calm hours of three obligatory prayers. It is made obligatory also in *Jumma* prayer, Eid prayers and even in wedding ceremonies. If anyone recites the holy Qur'an in a premise outside *salah*, others need to be very attentive to it. It is a sin to make any noise during the recitation. Such methodology helped enormously to spread the Divine message and educate the common people at the grassroots. Mosques and congregation in mosque thus became the most important institutions of learning in Islam. Along with many other magnificent services to Islam, the Caliph Umar (RA) did another extra-ordinary service to the Muslim *Ummah* by introducing *tarawih* in congregation prayers in the month of Ramadan. It was not only a great act of glorifying this holy month, but also a brilliant initiative to transform this month into a month of Qur'anic education. The Muslims –especially those who know the Arabic language got the opportunity to revise the whole Qur'an once or twice in the span of one month. Hence, he opened the door for further spiritual and educational development of the Muslims.

## First thing first

In the making of a good Muslim, education is the first and foremost necessity. Nothing can work its substitute. It is the key to save people from hellfire. The revelation of the holy Qur'an started with "*iqra*" meaning "read". Such a beginning of the Qur'anic revelation has an explicit symbolic connotation. It emphasizes that first thing must be done first. Such first thing in a Muslims' life is acquiring the Qur'anic knowledge. So, Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la made seeking the Qur'anic knowledge obligatory for all men and women. In Islam, ignorance of Qur'anic knowledge is a major sin. Such sin is the mother of all other sins. No Islamic society, state or civilisation can be built on such sin. Ignorance incapacitates a man or woman to be a true Allah-fearing Muslim. Such affirmation comes from the Qur'anic revelation: "*Innama yakhshAllaha min ibadihil ulama.*" Meaning: "Of his slaves, only who are possessed of knowledge fear Allah."– (Sura Fatir, verse 28).

Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la repeatedly emphasized that He has made Qur'an easy for understanding and remembrance. Such eloquent emphasis came four times in sura Qamar: "And certainly We have made the Qur'an easy for understanding and remembrance, is there anyone ready to receive the admonition?"–(Sura Qamr verse 17, 22, 32, 40). Who can refute Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la's resounding claim as expressed in the above verse? The holy Qur'an has already been proven how it is easy to understand it. Even blind people could remember the whole book only through listening! Not only the illiterate Arab Bedouins, the huge non-Arab populations of Asia and Africa too, excelled in deep understanding of the Qur'an without attending any madrasa, school or college. In fact, most of early scholars on Qur'an like Tarabi, Al- Razi, Zamakhshari are non-Arab. Such

understanding prompted them to sacrifice even their life to raise and defend the finest and the most powerful civilisation on the Earth. Those who have shown their talents in acquiring skills in other languages, how will they justify their inability to understand this greatest Book in the day of judgement?

Understanding the Qur'an is not as difficult as understanding math, physics, chemistry, medicine, engineering or learning foreign languages like English, French, Spanish and others. Millions of Muslims have shown their talent to learn those difficult subjects and languages. But how many of them have invested their intelligence to understand the holy Qur'an? Every Muslim man and woman needs to be ready to face this question on the day of judgement. Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la expects that those who claim to be believers must invest their talent to get full benefit of this greatest treasure. Such an expectation of Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la get expressed in the following verse: "Here is a Book which We have sent down to you, full of blessings that they may ponder over its verses; and that the men of understanding may receive admonition." –(Sura Sad, verse 29). The compliance with the Qur'anic guidance builds up only with the understanding. Hence those who fail to understand the holy Qur'an, indeed fail to take guidance and admonition from this great treasure. As a consequence, they also fail to comply with the Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la's whole project of humans' creation and revelation of this greatest Book. How such ignorant men or women can carry out the assigned task as His trusted *khalifa* (viceroy) on the Earth? In fact, such men and women stand as obstruction wall against Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la's vision. This is a great act of crime against Him. How such men or women can save their souls from the hellfire? What can be more catastrophic for a person than being ignorant of the Qur'anic knowledge? What sin does greater harm than sin of such ignorance?

A believer must seek the knowledge of the holy Qur'an for

other crucial reasons. He needs to keep up a lifelong jihad on two fronts. He needs to fight against his own evil desires, and another jihad against the external evil forces. In such jihad, the most powerful weapon is the knowledge of Qur'an. He can't use sword or firearms against his own soul; nor can use such arms against the invisible Satan. He needs to continuously feed his own soul with the Divine guidance. The Qur'anic advice comes: "And engage in a great jihad against them with the (knowledge of) Qur'an." –(Sura Furqan, verse 52). Hence, in order to sharpen the weapons against the enemies, Muslims need to sharpen their own understanding of the holy Qur'an. Otherwise this great Book of guidance can't help them win any war; then, the most powerful ammunition on the Earth would stand unutilised. The early Muslims didn't have any superior weapons than that of the enemies, but the Qur'anic weapon (the understanding of Qur'an) was quite heavy to crush them. The Qur'an doesn't work alone, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His huge army of angels work alongside it. Whoever has the Qur'anic guidance in his heart and follows it in every footstep instantly becomes the inseparable part of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's army. And who can defeat the army of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la? The army of angels instantly come down on the Earth to defeat the enemy. The Muslim history is full of such miraculous events: it happened in the battle of Badar, Uhud, Khandaq, Hunaun and many others. So, the early Muslims could easily defeat the two contemporary superpowers –the Romans and the Persians: despite their huge deficiency of manpower, weapons and logistics.

Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la repeatedly promised victory for the Muslims. His army of angels are ever ready to help them in any part of the world. It is revealed: "And victory is only from Allah" –(Sura Anfal, verse10). "And do not feel weak and do not grieve, and you should have the upper hand if you are believers." –(Sura Al-Imran verse 139). If Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la gives the promise of victory, who can snatch it? But the Divine help and the victory comes only through *muslimness*

of the Muslims; hence they need to concentrate more on becoming full Muslim. Unlike the early days' Muslims, the present days' Muslims are making history otherwise. They tend to be Muslims without full submission to Islam. They read the Qur'an, but do not understand it. Even if they understand it, they do not bother to take any guidance from it. Recitation of the Qur'an has turned to rote ritual without embracing its teaching. In fact, their culture, politics, warfare, judiciary, laws and constitutions are the symbol of non-compliance with Qur'an. Therefore, they do not find any angel on their side. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la never promised any victory for such noncompliant Muslims, rather gave admonition of severe punishment. Hence, despite huge land, resources and manpower, they are losing war on every front.

### **The greatest failure**

Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la bestowed His greatest treasure on the Muslims. No other people in the world have been blessed with such a magnificent gift. It is the Qur'anic roadmap. Although it is the gift for the whole mankind, but how one can receive such a Divine gift if does not believe in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His last prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam)? Al-Qur'an and Sunnah of the prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) are the most magnificent legacy that they received from the past. But the present days' Muslims have utterly failed to take full benefit of it. This is their greatest failure. As a result, they have lost the way. It is the only book in the world which is read without an aim of understanding it. In such rote ritual, the quick completion of recitation gets the priority: not the understanding, nor learning any lesson from it. Surprisingly such reading is considered an act of piety. How such recitation can be a pious act when it doesn't increase the Divine knowledge, nor does help get the Divine guidance? Such recitation can't take a man out of the major sin of ignorance

either. How Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la can be pleased with such a mockery against His Book of guidance? How can it give any guidance when it is not understood? The prophet of Islam (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) never gave such advice either. Nor did the early Muslims ever do it. Neither such rote reading has been advised by Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la in any part of the holy Book: rather emphasised on *tafakkuh*, *tadabbur* and *tawakkul*. No teacher gives such thoughtless advice to his students to read any book without understanding it. But it is a great surprise that many Muslim scholars recommend it as an act of piety and eulogise that such reading will bring reward in the hereafter.

### **Intoxication of ignorance**

In earlier days of Islam, drinking wine was not forbidden. Some of the companions of prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) use to come to the mosque while under intoxication of wine. As a result, they couldn't understand the Qur'anic text recited in the prayer. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la didn't like such a practice that was damaging to the key part of *salah*; and warned them not to come nearer to the prayer while still under the influence of wine. Drinking wine is now forbidden: but still most of the Musallis do not understand the recitation of Qur'an in the *salah*. Ignorance of Qur'anic knowledge is still doing the harm. Intoxication of ignorance is more durable and damaging than that of wine. Intoxication of wine lasts only for few hours and does not kill the whole faculty of understanding. But intoxication of ignorance is a lifelong phenomenon; it destroys the inherent abilities of acquiring any guidance from the Qur'an. It thus kills the potentials of becoming a full Muslim. In the holy Qur'an, Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la labelled such thoughtless people inferior to animals (*ula'ika ka al-anam, balhum adal*: they are

like animal; even inferior to them); and warned against such de-Islamising and dehumanising danger of ignorance. Hence, one needs Qur'anic knowledge not for becoming a religious scholar, imam and teacher, but for becoming a simple Muslim. Inadequacies of Qur'anic knowledge indeed restrain one's ability to save his or her souls from the hellfire. No amount of other knowledge can be the substitute.

### **The key to *jannah***

Saving soul from the hellfire must receive the top-most priority in the life. Nothing should get more importance than that. But none can save his soul from hellfire by his own merit: it needs guidance and forgiveness from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Such guidance and forgiveness is indeed the key to heaven. The holy Qur'an is the book of guidance: everyone has the right to access it. But forgiveness from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is more crucial. For getting forgiveness, mere supplication is not enough. Forgiveness from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la comes only after the fulfilment of some precondition. No one's sacrifice atone others' sins –as preached by the Christianity. Those who raise their hands in supplication must respond to His call too. They must discharge their duty as His obedient viceroy (*khalifa*). So, it is revealed: "And when My servants ask you (O Muhammad) concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calls on Me: let them also answer My call and they must believe in Me: that they may walk in the right way."–(Sura Baqara verse 185).

Making long supplication is a common practice: especially in the month of Ramadan -as it is known as a month of *magfirah* (forgiveness). But, how many of them fulfil the precondition? How many are aware of the precondition? Fasting was made



obligatory to build up *taqwa*. And *Taqwa* is indeed the mental state that motivates people to fulfil the Divine obligation. When such *taqwa* comes in a Muslim's life, then life moves in the right direction and engages in enjoining the good deeds and forbidding the wrong. Then he discharges the assigned duty as His obedient *khalifa*. Forgiveness then follows to take him to *jannat*. To save our souls from the hellfire, *iman*, guidance, *taqwa*, good deeds and forgiveness, thus work together.

Supplication or *dowa* only helps when one follows the right path. If the train gets derailed into a deep ditch, mere *dowa* never helps to move the train out of the ditch. The train must be put to the right truck. Therefore, supplication of a deviant from the *siratul mustaqeem* never helps him reach *Jannah*, nor does save his souls from hellfire. He needs to be following the *siratul mustaqeem* first. The holy Qur'an has been revealed to show that right path with full perfection: "This is the Book; there is no doubt in it. It shows the right path to those who are *muttaqi* (who show full and persistent obedience to Allah and fear deviation and disobedience)". And it is the wisest act of wisdom of a man and a woman to follow the roadmap without any failing. One can save his or souls from hellfire only by making such a choice.

### **The criminal misuse**

Humans' own birth and death is not in their hand. How long a man or woman should survive -that is decided only by Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. None can increase or decrease a moment of the allocated life span. But, how to survive and what objectives to serve -deciding on such vital issues, every human enjoys full freedom. Every man has been blessed with the adequate amount of intelligence and sufficient thinking

faculty to make the right decision. This is the most precious Divine endowment for an individual; success in the life indeed depends on its right use. Life's first test indeed starts from here. Discovery of Truth should be the most expected outcome. On the other hand, believing in falsehood and pursuing lies is not only the greatest betrayal, but also the ugliest criminal misuse of the Divine gift. Such a high ranking misuse of the endowment is indeed enough to take one to the hellfire. After such a criminal betrayal, one doesn't need to kill anyone or do any adultery to get into hellfire. The most crucial test of merit of an individual is not an invention of computer or making atomic bombs or landing on moon or getting Noble Prize, rather the discovery of Divine Truth and pursuing its roadmap. Prophet Ibrahim (AS) got the highest rank in the sight of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala only for rightful use of that endowment. The final award for the discovery of Divine Truth comes as an abode in the heaven. And the punishment for failing to do so comes as a place in the hellfire.

### **Paying the price**

Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la loves to see humans' success –not only here, but also in the hereafter. He wants us in the heaven –which He has created and arranged with all sorts of resources (*niyamah*). All these are for His greatest creation. But the mankind must prove their worth for it. They must pay the minimum price for it. Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la has given humans the full abilities to pay the price: in fact, whatever has been blessed on any individual as the endowment is enough to pay the price. Price needs to be paid in terms of recognising Him as the only Deity worthy of worship. He or she needs to be fully submissive to Him. Even the poorest man or woman shouldn't face any problem to pay such a price.

Islam means full submission to Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la; and a Muslim's submission goes side by side by with his role as His viceroy. A viceroy does not possess any right to be sovereign: rather he must fully submit to the sovereignty of His laws and His assigned roadmap. Any claim of sovereignty takes the right to be the viceroy. Such claim makes one a kafir. He or she only needs to follow the prescribed manual in every step to carry out the Divine assignment. Qur'an and Sunnah of the prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) are the designated manual. Any non-compliance with these manual tantamount to rebellion against Allah Sub'hana Wa Ta'la – a sure route to hellfire. Humans need to show their talent only in discovering cum understanding the Divine Truth and must not engage in any invention. They need to invest Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's own endowment –the physical, intellectual and material gifts to fulfil His wish. This way a person can pay the price for *jannah*.

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### **The danger of complacency**

The danger of complacency is quite real. Sometimes it is quite catastrophic. With the sense of complacency people take severely sick patients to quacks, homeopaths, faith-healers, herbal practitioners; and draw huge satisfaction that something being done for the cure for the beloved one. Such pathological complacency kills large number of people each year especially in Asia and Africa by denying the right treatment in right time. Such punishing complacency also exists in the field of religion. By singing songs in praise of God, visiting shrines, giving drinks to the hajis, feeding people in the month of Ramadan, observing prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam)'s birth day, wearing some religious attire, joining Sufi circles, making long supplication, reciting religious books, and doing some charity works people think

they are doing enough to prove their religiosity. In return, they expect a place in heaven in the hereafter. Thus they develop strong complacency and self-satisfying explanations to keep themselves away from the practice of very basics of Islam like *dawa*, learning of Qur'an, sharia, *shura*, *khilafa*, jihad, etc. Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la condemns such complacency and reveals: "Do you make the giving drinks to the pilgrims, and the maintenance of al-Masjid al-Haram equal to [the pious deeds of] those who believe in Allah and the Last Day, and fight in the cause of Allah? They are not equal in the sight of Allah. And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people"—(Sura Taubah, verse 19). It is also revealed: "The ones who have believed, emigrated and striven in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the sight of Allah. And they are the people who achieve salvation"—(Sura Taubah, verse 20).

Such sense of complacency has taken the Jews and the Christians far away from the teachings of their prophets. The Jews carry Torah and visit synagogues on Saturday, the Christians hang cross in their neck and sing choir in the Church on Sunday. By doing these, they think they are enough religious. It is a serious problem among the Muslims, too. Such complacency caused serious non-compliance against much obligatory Qur'anic guidance. Not only they neglect the full adherence to the Qur'anic roadmap –as practised by the Prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) and the early Muslims, rather they label such practice as extremism or fundamentalism. In Islam, such complacency and interpretation of one's own convenience has no place. After the death of Prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam), many people denied to pay *zakat* to state fund. In response, the first rightly guided *khalifa* Abu Bakr (RA) declared war against them. He told, "At the time of Prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) the people used to donate not only their camel but also the rope to fasten the camel as *zakat*. Now, if anyone denies giving even the rope, I shall declare jihad against

them.” Islam demands all time and full time total compliance with the every segment of the Quranic roadmap –as practised by the prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) and his faithful companions. This is the minimum standard of Islam that a Muslim must comply with; and none of it should be left unfulfilled.

### **The failed faith & spirituality**

To reach heaven, one at least needs navigation and completion of his or her journey on *siratul mustaqeem*. The *siratul mustaqeem* comprises not only segments of *iman*, *salah*, fasting, zakat and haj; but also other obligatory segments like *jihad*, *sharia*, *shura*, *khilafa*, pan-Islamic unity and others. Any compromise, deviation or incompleteness of the journey along the Qur’anic road does not take one to paradise, rather ends up in hellfire. If any segment of the journey remains untraversed, how one can reach the desired destination? Allah Sub’hana Wa Ta’la asks: “ O, believer! Enter into submission with totality” –(Sura Baqara verse 208). It indeed implies full submission to all Qur’anic decrees and navigation through all parts of *siratul mustaqeem*. The prophet of Islam (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) and his companions clearly showed how the Divine journey through all of its segments should be incorporated in a Muslims’ life. Incompletion of any obligatory segment only brings complete failure as a Muslim. Was there any companion of the prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) who had a full life but couldn’t traverse through all phases of the roadmap? This is why the early Muslim societies could quickly attain the full maturity; and Islam could show its fully blossomed civilizational phase. Faith in Allah *Su’hana wa Ta’la* and submission to the revealed Truth is indeed the seed of Islam. And it must show the fully grown-up expression through believers’ behaviour, attitudes, actions, thoughts, talks, writings, politics, economics, cultures, judgments and other arenas of life. Absence of such

expressions respectively indicates absence or corruption of faith. Faith (*Iman*) must show its full expression in enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong. There should be constant and intense urge to follow the *siratul mustaqeem* in all sectors of life.

But today, the picture is awfully different from that of the early Muslims. In-completion of navigation towards the set target or deviation from the *siratul mustaqeem* thrives with epidemic proportion. As a result, growth of Islam is severely restricted all over the Muslim Ummah. The Muslims and the Muslim societies show clear signs of failed faith and failed spirituality. They no more survive as a civilizational force. Islamic civilisation in fact doesn't exist anywhere. About 1.5 billion Muslims have awfully failed to raise a single Islamic state to practise Islamic principles. Islam survives only in Qur'an and not in Muslims' daily life and societies. As a result, the Muslims are no significant political force either; even 55 million British or 5 million Israelis exercise more political power on the world stage. How Islam can have full growth without an Islamic state? The Muslims in fact, now live without Islam. They survive as cheerleaders of the Western thoughts and civilisation! With such huge deficit in belief and performance, how can they please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and receive His blessings? Occupation, fragmentations, subjugation, bombings, deaths, rapes and destructions prevail in Muslim lands. Are these signs of blessings? How such utterly failed and deviated people will be rewarded with access to His paradise?

The Muslims have confined their focus on Iblis and his conspiracies against Prophet Adam (AS) for his evicting him from heaven. But they little bother about the millions of contemporary Iblis who are working day and night in their midst in politics, culture, education, media and army against the children of Adam (AS) to obstruct their re-entry to heaven. To have a safe journey to heaven, one must know the

devils and their evil designs against the Qur'anic roadmap. To warn His beloved human creation, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala again and again exposed the evil designs of Iblis, Pharoh, Nimrod, Karoon and many other historical devils. This is the Sunnah of the Almighty Lord to know the design of the devils. But the Muslims show little interest to know and undo the designs of the contemporary devils. Rather, in many cases they are co-operating with them. Hence those who are obstructing the implantation of sharia, *shura*, *khilafa*, jihad, pan-Islamic unity and other basics of *siratul mustaqeem* are not friendless in any of the Muslim countries.

### **Shaitan as partner!**

The danger of getting possessed by *Shaitan* and other evil forces is quite real and exist all the time. A Muslim needs to be fully possessed only by Allah *Sub'han wa Ta'la*. His intellectual, political, cultural, economic and judicial space should be protected only for Allah *Sub'han wa Ta'la*. His thoughts, talks, writings, warfare and his survival and death should be dedicated only for His cause. *Shaitan* or any satanic force must be denied any space in his life. This is the real spirituality of a believer. For that, he needs constant Divine protection. A believer can get such protection only through consistent *zikr* (remembrance) of Allah *Subhan Wa Ta'la*. And whenever a man remembers the Almighty Lord, He also remembers him. "*Fazkuruni azkurukum*" (So, you remember me, I shall remember you) is the promise of Allah *Subhan Wa Ta'la*. Hence He becomes the protector for the person who remembers Him. The consequence of forgetting Allah *Sub'han Wa Ta'la* is quite catastrophic: it brings eternal disasters to his life. On such a man, Allah *Sub'hana Wa Ta'la* appoints *Shaitan* as his partner. And *Shaitan* deviates him from *siratul mustaqeem*. As a result, he finds his final abode in hellfire. The holy Qur'an

warns: "And whoever turns himself away from the remembrance of the Beneficent Allah, We appoint for him a *Shaitan*, so he becomes his associate. And most surely they turn them away from the (Divine) path, and they think that they are guided aright."—(Sura Zukhruf, verse 36-37).

*Zikr* implies not only the remembrance of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His various names and attributes, but also staying focused on the assigned responsibilities as His appointed viceroy. Mere remembrance of His name and attributes doesn't move people to do good deeds or sacrifice life in His cause. *Zikr* entails consistent and strong adherence to Qur'anic roadmap. While driving in a motorway, there is no room for sightseeing, amusement or any acts of inattention. Such intention instantly leads to fatal disaster. Likewise, inattention in *siratul mustaqeem* cause deviation to hellfire. People must build *Taqwa* to get protected from such inattention. *Taqwa* means a constant focus or attentiveness to life's assigned mission. It is an intense fear of getting deviating from that Divine mission. All religious rituals in Islam like *salah*, fasting, zakat, haj and recitation of Qur'an are indeed the means to enhance such attentiveness and fear (*taqwa*). *Taqwa* thus brings closer to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and leads to *jannah*.

### **The disease and the cause**

Wherever there is a disease, there is a cause and the causative disease process -called pathology. Moral and the spiritual disease are not different either. Forgetting Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and ignoring the duty assigned by Him is the most disastrous disease for the humans. It takes people directly to hellfire. Hence, to save our souls from hellfire, we must understand not only the symptoms, but also the root



cause and treatment of the disease. We must do everything for the treatment. In this world, nothing is more important than this. Deep attachment with the children and the wealth is the major cause of detachment from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Here lies the core pathology of the disease. The diagnosis comes from none, but from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la –the all knower.

Such deep detachment from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la makes people neglectful or forgetful of the infinite life in hereafter. As a result, people find no incentive to work for the success in the hereafter. Even the worst physical illness can cause at the most suffering for some years; and the disease itself can't take people to hellfire. But forgetting or neglecting hereafter leads to hellfire for the infinity. Hence Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la gives stern warning against the catastrophic consequences of such forgetfulness. The revelation comes: "O you who believe! Let not your wealth and your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah; and whoever does that, the loss is his own." –(Sura Munafiqun, verse 9). Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la also warns: "O you who believe! Surely from among your wives and children there are enemies to yourselves, therefore beware of them;..." – Sura Tagabun, verse 14)

How do the children, wives and the wealth may turn worst enemy of a man? The children and wives may have their own selfish secular agenda –diagonally opposite to the agenda of Islam. They may firmly stand as a barrier against fulfilling the agenda of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la like implementation of sharia, pursuing jihad and sacrificing wealth and life in His way. And the wealth makes its owner an all-time slave as its protector and prohibits him from taking any serious endeavour in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. So a believer's war against the enemies takes its start in the home front. If he surrenders in that war; how can he pursue a war in other fronts with such captivity?

## Planning for the success

Death is inevitable. Indeed, it is the most truthful reality in life. But quickly forgetting such a stern reality is another reality. The countdown of allocated days of a man already starts with the first moment of life. Death is not a sudden event either. It is indeed the end point of a process that starts even long before the birth. Out of about 50 trillion cells in a human body, about 100 million cells die every minute! Out of 50 trillion, if a single cell goes out of normal physiological pathway, it may turn cancerous and precipitate quick death. And it is not uncommon either. About 100, 000 brain cells die every day and never get replaced. Living in this world is like crossing a bridge in darkness embedded with holes. Millions of people get dropped down through the holes each moment. No one knows who turn is coming next.

So, we face chances of death every moment. So, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la reveals: "I swear by the time. Most surely man is in loss. Except those who believe and do good deeds and enjoin on each other truth, and enjoin on each other patience" –(Sura Asr, verse 1-3). Hence, man is in a constant state of loss. Like an ice chunk, he or she is constantly melting down until reach an endpoint. But there are exceptions. Life is not exclusive loss or death making enterprise. Out of the short and fleeting span of life, people can make unbelievable gain. They can even earn a huge abode in paradise with all of its unthinkable luxuries and comforts for infinity. In Sura Asr, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la shows how to make such a huge gain out of this short life. It is through belief in Allah, doing good deeds and engaging in a mission of enjoining Truth and patience. In fact, this is the plan for great success. The early Muslims showed how to pursue the plan. Their faith in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la was so profound and their sacrifices for enjoining the Truth was so heavy that more than half of

the companions of the prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) became martyrs. About them, Allah Sub'hana Ta'la pronounced: "*RaziAllahu unhum wa razu unhu*". Which means: "Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Allah."-(Sura Baiyanah, verse 8 ).

### **The danger of spiritual death**

Like human body, *iman* too needs regular nutrition. *Iman* draws its nutrition from the Divine knowledge and the prophetic tradition. And the final book of the Divine knowledge came as the holy Quran. It was revealed to the final prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam). In absence of such knowledge, people face spiritual death. Muslims then exist only by name, not by Islamic ideals. Faith deficit then runs everywhere. Such humans then survive only with animal attributes. The mankind then get wars of occupation, World Wars, genocide, ethnic cleansing, colonialism, imperialism, dropping of atom bombs, use of chemical weapons, water-boarding, drone killings and other barbarity.

The spiritual death doesn't come alone. It brings deaths in other areas, too. *Khelafa, sharia, shura, jihad, dawa* and other vital Islamic institutions also meet their death. That has already happened in the Muslim world. The death of *iman* gets expressed through intellectual, cultural, behavioural, attitudinal, political, economic and judicial ill-health. Politically and culturally, such Muslims live like the non-Muslims. And, their constitution, laws and judiciary do not reflect teachings from Qur'an and Sunnah. These Muslims with spiritual death do not have any concern for the Islamic cause, hence invite the *kuffars* to establish military bases in the midst Muslim lands and do everything to prolong the enemy occupation. The Muslim world has been Balkanized to more than 55 states with the full cooperation of such spiritually dead Muslims. Could it ever happen with sound *iman* or spirituality?

Was it thinkable in the early days of Islam? Acceptance of non-sharia rule in a Muslims country tells a lot about its so-called Muslim population. It is indeed the death of spirituality (Allah-consciousness) of its citizens. People with iota of Allah-consciousness can't tolerate such humiliation sharia. During the time of the prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam), those who withdraw from the fight against *kuffars* were condemned as hypocrite (*munafiq*). Absence of resistance against the enemy aggression or occupation is a symptom of serious spiritual ill health. Now a day, the disease of hypocrisy (*nifaq*) has gone much deeper. Instead of fighting the invading *kuffars*, they invite the *kuffars* to invade the Muslim lands. Protecting the division of *Ummah*, preserving the colonial legacy and prolonging the enemy's political, cultural and military hegemony appear to be acceptable by these Muslims.

### **The danger of indoctrination**

The educational and cultural institutions work as the most powerful tool of indoctrination. Hence in non-Islamic or secular countries, finding *seeratul mustaqeem* and saving souls from the hellfire turns more difficult. Rather, the road to hellfire looks much seductive. There, the Muslims students may grow up as good doctors, engineers or scientists, but chances run very high that they may fail becoming good Muslim. Making a student full Muslim is a massive task. For that, the parents, the family, the community, the religious and educational institutions need to work together more consistently and coherently. Such a conducive environment doesn't exist in a non-Muslim country. A state with its invasive institutions works as the most powerful body on earth. Like a rogue elephant in a premise, an un-Islamic state with its massive infrastructure can dismantle all Islamic efforts aimed at meeting the educational needs of the Muslim students. How Islamisation of individuals can work effectively

without Islamisation of State and societies? This is why Islamisation of a state is a religious obligation on all Muslims. And, Muslims do not build state to salute a flag. Nor do they create it for a show off of national or tribal pride, and nor for economic and social wellbeing. They build state to build religious, legal, educational and other civil and military institutions to Islamise the social, cultural, political environment of a country. This way state save souls from hellfire helps navigate towards Jannah. Otherwise, state turns most corruptive evil institution on earth –as evidenced all over the human history. Now, the Muslims have more than 55 states; but utterly failed to create a single Islamic state.

### **Immunisation against evil ideologies**

Danger of living in a non-Islamic state is quite real, sometime it is catastrophic. Fish needs water for the survival; and the Muslims need Islamic state to live as full Muslims. Saving souls from hellfire is more important than success in this life. If it becomes difficult to have full practice of Islam, Muslims should seek migration from that country. For protection against evil ideologies and corruptive cultures, Muslims require effective immunisation. Such immunisation comes only through deep induction of Islamic philosophy and the Quranic knowledge. Only through such philosophy and knowledge, the early Muslims could protect their faith in the midst of virulent beliefs and cultural practices of the *Kuffars* of Arabia. Even today, there exists no other option for the Muslims amidst highly corruptive ideologies and cultures of the so-called global village.

But not surprisingly, strong opposition to such immunisation of Muslim mind and intellect with Qur'an comes from the so-called Muslims. Due to deep de-Islamisation through secular

education and the long colonial rule, there exists a huge army of cultural converts in every Muslims lands. They are the foot soldiers of Western culture and values; many of them even fought lengthy World Wars for them. Now, they are fighting their wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Egypt, Somalia, Libya and in many other Muslim countries. They want full cultural, ideological and political integration with the Westerners. They find immunisation with the Quranic knowledge and philosophy a big barrier against globalisation of the Western culture. They call it Islamic fundamentalism or extremism. To restrict the teaching of Qur'an in schools and madrasas in Muslim countries, the Western Governments and their native cronies put tremendous pressure on the Governments. To pursue such de-Islamisation project, they do not bother even dismantling democratically elected governments –as recently did in Egypt. And in the West, they have made it difficult to open or run an Islamic school. They keep tight control on the Islamic curriculum. They have already put embargo on travel of many Islamic scholars and restricted the publication and circulation of many Islamic books.

But the Muslims have no second option. Surrender to West's de-Islamisation project and subjugation to their cultural and ideological hegemony will not protect them from hellfire. Rather that would expedite further deviation from *siratul mustaqeem*. To keep away from such deviation, Allah Sub'ha wa Ta'la has His Own advice. He decreed: "Therefore, hold fast to that which has been revealed to you (O Muhammad), surely you are on right path" –(Sura Zukhroof , verse 43). "And whoever holds fast Allah, he indeed is guided to the right path." –(Sura al-Imran verse 101). But how the Muslims can take benefit of Qur'anic guidance when most of them do not understand it? The road-map only gives guidance when it is truly followed in daily life.

## The magnificent bargain

Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's bounties for the believers are unthinkable. No one can make a true estimate of that. In heaven, they will be entitled to get whatever they wish. They will never die there. It is indeed the greatest victory in life. If all assets of all humans of all ages are put together, even that will look trivial in comparison to prizes that will be bestowed on a single believer in heaven. But how one can attain such a victory? Is there any price for that? What is that price and how to pay that price? Declaration of faith in Almighty Lord, five times *salah*, month long fasting, yearly *zakat* and haj life time -are they enough to pay the price? In fact, Allah Sub'hana Ta'la didn't keep it hidden what He expects as the price; rather made it very clear how to get a place in heaven. It needs to make a solemn deal with Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Whoever makes the deal and fulfils the deal, he gets heaven in return. The article of the bargain comes as follows: "Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise. They fight in the cause of Allah, so they kill and are killed. [It is] a true promise [binding] upon Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah ? So rejoice in your transaction which you have contracted. And it is that which the great attainment is." -(Sura At Taobah, verse 111).deal

Mere announcement of belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, His prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam), His Divine Books, the angels and in the hereafter is not enough to get the reward. Nor is it performing some rituals like *salah*, fasting, haj and *zakat*. It is much more inclusive than that. It is the total readiness to give life in His cause. Such readiness prompted most of the companions of prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) to sacrifice their lives in the battlefields. The companions of the prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam) who

died in beds, had such death not by choice. In fact, their readiness to sacrifice their life in war was no less than those who embraced martyrdom.

According to the deal, believers' own life and the assets do not belong to him or her; these are already sold out to Allah Sub'han wa Ta'la. These are bestowed on him or her as the Divine trust, only to return back to Him in His way. Such *amanah* should be spent only in His cause. A believer works as life-long care-taker of the *amanah*. Since he is the life-long viceroy cum fighter for His cause, he has the legal right to take sustenance from the *amanah*, but has no right to overspend and misuse it. Any misuse makes him an associate of Satan. Sacrificing life means returning it back to Him. Those become martyr they indeed return the *amanah* in full to its real owner. Hence they can expect the full reward in the heaven. So, in believer life, jihad is inevitable: it is indeed the execution of the bargain. So jihad came to life of every single companion of the prophet (sallAllahu alaihi wa sallam). An act of withdrawal from jihad is in fact violation of the deal: hence brings wrath from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala. It is the sin of a *murtad*. So, in an Islamic society, there is no need of opening a recruitment office for war. The true believers themselves search for such a perfect one to execute his obligation.

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## How to Save Our Souls from Hellfire? Part 4

### The crisis in moral immunity

Every man and woman has to live in a physical as well an



ideological environment. Both the environments are infested with serious killer diseases. The physical illness kills the body; and the ideological illness kills the soul. Cholera, typhoid, pneumonia, malaria, cancer, stroke, AIDS are the examples of a few among numerous physical illnesses. Paganism, idolatry, atheism, racism, secularism, nationalism, fascism, materialism, colonialism, imperialism are the example of some grave ideological diseases. The physical illness doesn't take one to the hellfire, but the ideological illness certainly does. And the most crucial difference lies in the severity and longevity of the suffering. The physical illness may cause extreme pain and agonies, and at the worst can predispose to early death. But such pain and agonies entirely end at death. On the other hand, the pain of the ideological or spiritual illness truly starts after the death; and never dies out. It takes the diseased to the hellfire for an endless period. Can a man with sanity and wisdom ignore or pay blind eye to such a fateful issue of moral disease? In fact, a man's real blindness or deafness is proven by such a blind approach to such a serious issue. For this type of morally sick people, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la has special narrative: "Deaf, dumb and blind, therefore they do not return (to the Truth)" –(Sura Baqara verse 18). Hence, the prognosis of such moral illness is very poor; if not cured, takes the victim to the hellfire.

Healing of any physical illness is important. But is it comparable to the importance of healing the spiritual or ideological illness? If healing of the spiritual or ideological illness is branded trillion times more important than treating the physical illness, even then it will not truly reveal the seriousness of the matter and the real importance. How the bodily pain or agonies for few days and months –caused by a disease can be compared to burning in hellfire for an infinite period? Any attempt of comparing the bodily pain with the endless burning in hellfire is indeed an utter madness. And it is greater madness to prioritise the treatment of physical illness to treatment of the ideological

or spiritual illness. Only with such insanity people can ignore the endless life of *akhera* (the hereafter) and paves the way towards hellfire. In fact, such madness runs epidemic in the world; and the modernity has only intensified such madness. Hence, curing physical illness gets the fullest attention; but treating the ideological or spiritual illness remains out of the focus. This is indeed the ancient *jaheliya* (ignorance) in modern form. What can be more important and lifesaving than bringing some sense to such extreme insanity?

Humans' greatest failure is not in scientific invention, but in understanding the most fundamental truth and setting the right priority in life. Such failure has been the mother of all moral failures in all ages. As a result, men and women have been easily seduced by the glittering worldly life; and lost interest in saving their infinite life in *akhera*. What can be more catastrophic than this? Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la treats this issue quite differently; the most important issue of humans receives the highest priority in His prescription. This is indeed the manifestation of His greatest Wisdom. Not a single prophet was sent, nor a single Divine Book was revealed to teach how to treat physical illnesses or make scientific discoveries. These are much lesser issue than protecting people from hellfire. Hence more than hundred thousand prophets were appointed and several Divine Books were revealed to cure the spiritual or ideological illnesses and take them to paradise. To continue with the same Divine mission, the holy Qur'an is the final and the most comprehensive prescription. Therefore what the Divine prophets, the holy Qur'an and other Revealed Books have contributed to the benefit of the mankind will remain incomparable in the whole human history. Even if said: it worth more than trillion times the total benefits of all the scientific inventions, still remains inadequate to describe the real worth of the Divine project!

## The moral AIDS

The body needs strong immunity to fight against the physical diseases. The AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) virus kills body's such inherent potential; therefore allows common bugs an easy entry into the body and brings quick death. On the other hand, the enhanced immunity through vaccination could save millions of life from killer diseases like cholera, TB, small pox, diphtheria, polio, etc. The physical illness doesn't make people animal. But the people with reduced moral immunity (moral AIDS) quickly turn worse than the animals. They get quickly infected with evil ideas. The animal doesn't do World Wars or use atom bomb or build gas chambers, but these human animals do. With moral AIDS, the pre-Islamic Arab could bury their own daughter alive. Such illness doesn't show any sign of abating. Hence the most developed world power like USA could occupy and kill millions of innocent people in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan and could set up Abu Gharib and Guantanamo Bay torture cells.

A believer must not have any space for any corruptive belief in his or her mind. To prevent such invasion, a believer needs to boost up his moral immunity. For that, he needs regular immunisation through Qur'anic knowledge. It is so crucial that seeking Qur'anic knowledge was made compulsory from day one of the prophet-hood; and *iqra* (read) was the first word of Qur'anic revelation. Other obligatory rituals like *salah*, fasting in Ramadan, haj, zakat came much later. And the moral immunity of a believer goes on continuously increasing with the sustained supply of the Qur'anic knowledge. Otherwise it dies out. In absence of such immunity, people get quickly infected with moral illness and die a moral death; thus turn worse than the worst animals. The prophet sallallahu alaihi wa sallam said, "Every child is born as a Muslim, but later on turn to other faith according to the parental cum environmental influence." Hence every child needs adequate immunisation with Islamic education, otherwise the chances of

getting lost in an anti-Islamic deluge is quite high.

In absence of Qur'anic knowledge, people turn intellectually blind. Such blindness has catastrophic consequence. They can't see the Divine Truth, nor can see even the dazzling signs of Allah Sub'hana wa Tala that are spread everywhere. Those who die with such blindness, they indeed will be raised with the same blindness in the hereafter and far deviated from the right path. So, it is revealed, "And whoever is blind in this life, he shall also be blind in the hereafter; and more deviated from the way." –(Sura Isra, verse 72). The whole purpose of education is to remove such intellectual blindness. For that (*baseerah*), one needs Qur'anic knowledge. The secular education –whatever high it may be can't do that. This is why the people even who win the Noble Prize can't discern the Truth from the falsehood. Nor can they read the signals of Divine roadmap. This is why the secularised people can't make any fair appraisal of their own moral failures. Nor do they foresee the conceivable failure in *akhera* prior to their death.

### **The ideological invasion**

The body's intrinsic immunity against invading bugs is a gift of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'ala. All men and women possess it. Likewise, every man and woman is indeed embedded with *nafse lao'ama* (admonishing soul) from the very beginning; it helps discern the right from the wrong from day one of the conscientious life. It gives immunity against ideological or spiritual illness; it is indeed an invaluable endowment from the Almighty. Thus, every human is born with the full potentials to continue as a good Muslim. But such inherent immunity needs to be nourished and adequately enhanced through acquiring the Divine knowledge from childhood; otherwise it gets quickly killed in the corruptive ideological environment. In such context, Islam is unique from other religions. The

holy Qur'an –the last and the final version of Divine revelation is the sole and the un-corruptible treasure of such knowledge. And to supplement and compliment the holy Qur'an, Islam has the benefit of another great repository of Divine knowledge: it is the huge prophetic tradition. Since the prophet's deeds and decisions were indeed the expression of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's Wish to promote His Cause, a true believer can't deny the significance of his tradition. To ensure the moral or spiritual upbringing, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la asks every man and woman to obey both the treasures –the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Moreover, Islam has other obligatory Divine prescriptions to constantly build up the moral immunity: these are the regular *ibadah* like *salah*, fasting, haj, zakat and jihad.

A Muslim with his normal moral immunity is expected to survive with the fullest expression of faith even amidst the most virulent ideologies –as did the early Muslims. In those days, they didn't have the luxury of having an ideologically or politically protected environment as should be desired in an Islamic state. In fact, they grew up in societies infested with highly infectious moral or conceptual illnesses. In such hostile environment, the Islamic survival of the early Muslims was only possible due to their strong ideological immunity –build-up by the Qur'anic knowledge and the prophetic Sunnah. But now the Muslims are making history by succumbing to moral death or ill-health. The ideological cum spiritual immunity couldn't grow in the void of Qur'anic knowledge. With such depleted immunity, people quickly die their spiritual death; therefore fail to survive as true Muslim. Hence they survive as secularist, nationalist, socialist, capitalist, communist, atheist, monarchist and other forms of deviants; but not as a true Muslim. So, the ideological, political, judicial, cultural and economic territories of the Muslim countries stand fully occupied by the evil ideologies; true Islam and the true Muslims stand stranger in their midst. These so-called Muslims have indeed turned the most obedient foot-

soldiers of anti-Islam to spread and protect these moral illnesses in the Muslim World. Therefore, the arch enemies of Islam need not recruit any new soldiers from the non-Muslims to fight war against Islam.

### **The tragedy of moral deficiency**

The whole world now stands in a huge mess: it looks exhausted of any remedy for the current calamities. The progression of immune deficiency now threatens not only the physical entity, but also the intellectual and spiritual entities. In fact, the same moral deficiency overwhelms the whole world. As a result, the culture of building atom bombs, hydrogen bombs, chemical bombs, biochemical weapons, gas chambers, ballistic missiles and other weapons of mass destruction has got huge popularity all over the world. Due to such moral deficiency, the extreme cruelty and the massive destructiveness could have been deeply integrated in the culture of so-called modernity! Hence the occupation of Palestine, eviction of its people, bombing the cities like Gaza, Rafah and Kobani, and killing millions of innocent people in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan do not raise any condemnation in any international forum! Through utter inaction, even the UNO and other international bodies stand complicit to it. On the ears of spiritually dead people, even the great prophets like Musa (alaihi salam) and Isa (alaihi salam) with all great miracles couldn't make any impact. The same is true with the secularised modern man. Due to their moral death, they have lost the insights. Hence, the overhanging vast universe appears to them only as wonder; they don't find any reason to think about its Creator and the accountability to Him.

The holy Qur'an could work as the only effective antidote to moral or spiritual AIDS through ages. It proved its huge efficacy against the most virulent conceptual and ideological viruses in the early days of Islam. This is why Islam could

spread with astonishing speed over the vast area of Asia, Africa and Europe; and could make civilizational changes. But it is extremely catastrophic that such Divine antidote has been denied access to education and cultural systems even in Muslim countries. How a diseased man can expect cure when he refuses the treatment? The Qur'anic prescription only gets recited for some reward in the hereafter, but not for getting guidance in the worldly affairs. As a result, Islam in its original form does not survive anywhere –even not in any of the Muslim countries. The Qur'anic code of life thus survives only as a bunch of some cultural rituals. Is it not an ugly act of dishonouring Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His Divine prescription? Disease begets disease -thus becomes true in the Muslim life. So, the moral illnesses that usually flourish in the pagan or *kuffar* countries also thrive in the Muslim World. The Muslims are so much deviated from the Divine path of enjoining the right and forbidding the wrong that some of the Muslim countries even top the list of the most corrupt countries in the world!

### **The only savior**

The mankind now faces a real crisis of a credible saviour. Christianity –though claims to be the Divine religion has already succumbed to sinful practices of the ancient pagans. Hence in the Christian World, nothing is forbidden. The Christian Europe and America have proved to be the fertile breeding ground of colonialism, imperialism, capitalism, secularism, fascism, racism, ethnic cleansing, wars, World Wars, atom bombs, gas chambers, weapons of mass destruction and other evil ideas and practices. Christianity has failed to show an iota of immunity against such lethal ideological diseases. Like gambling, drinking, usury, free sex and pornography, now the ugly sins like homosexuality and same sex marriage also got the legality in almost all the Christian countries. Other religions too, do not show any credibility

either. On the contrary, the holy Qur'an has proved its worth as the most powerful as well as the most credible civilizational force in human history. In the past, other religions could only convert people and build churches and temples, but there exists no Christian, Buddhist, Hindu or Jewish civilisation. Only Islam could build its own civilisation with the highest moral standard.

While reviewing a civilisation, the mode of living, the quality of buildings and palaces, the type of pottery and monuments, the art and culture, the type of human habitat, the tools of production, the science and technology play important role. But the most important markers of a civilisation are the quality of humans, the human values, the law, the rule of law, the judiciary, the equality, the moral highness of people, the status of women, the status of the minority, the economic justice, the distribution of wealth and the most importantly the spiritual highness. In all such areas, Islam surpassed all other civilisations that have ever emerged on earth. Other major religions didn't make any venture in such civilizational enterprise. The ancient Egyptians built pyramids. But they also built a system of severe oppression, exploitation and subjugation. They kept hundreds of thousands of people as slaves; killed their sons and exploited their women. The minority Jews were not given even the right of survival; so Allah Su'hana Ta'la needed to send Musa (alaihi salam) to release them from their oppressive clutches. The Western civilisation did wonders in scientific discoveries; but they also surpassed all other civilisations in brutal occupation, mindless exploitation, blood sheds, ethnic cleansing and genocides. In fact they added new dimensions to brutal barbarity. They filled the world not only with lethal ideologies, but also with the weapons of mass destruction and warfare. Only in two World Wars, they killed more than 75 Million. With so many ugly blemishes on the body, can anyone in the West claim to be a part of any civilizational enterprise?



Whatever the Muslims achieved in the past owe to the holy Quran. It is the only rope of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la (*hablillah*) that sets the strongest link for getting the Divine guidance and blessing. The Qur'anic knowledge builds up the insights to the extent that the true believers can foresee not only the blind alleys and the futility of the worldly life, but also the enlightened *siratul mustaqeem* up to the gate of paradise. So, they do not lose the heavenly track; rather stick to that at any cost. It is called *taqwa*. Since it is the only connection between the mankind and Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, Al-Qur'an is not an exclusive possession of the Muslims. It is the greatest gift for the whole mankind; and Islam exists as the sole recommended religion for all men and women. The holy Qur'an reveals: "This day (the day of revelation of this verse on the day of Arafah , the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dhul Hijjah in the year of 10 A H) I have preferred for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and chosen for you Islam as the religion" –(Sura Maida, verse 3).

In the above verse, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la made an explicitly clear and serious announcement; and it is for the whole mankind. He made Islam the only recommended religion cum saviour for the whole mankind. To attain paradise, one needs a correct and complete road map; there must not be any gaps in it. And in the above verse, Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la announced the completion of such a roadmap. Hence, the roadmap in the holy Qur'an is quite unique and inclusive; it covers not only the ritual and the spiritual aspects of life, but also the politico-cultural, social, familial, judicial, educational, economic and even the military dimensions. So, no gap is left to fill in with the ingredients from alien ideas.

### **The culture of refinement**

The belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and in the day of judgement works as the most powerful mover in Muslim's life.

The migration instantly starts not only from the occupied political or cultural premises of the Devils, but also from corruptive beliefs, faiths and practices. It generates continuous ascension in terms of achieving higher moral qualities. Thus a culture of refinement instantly starts in Muslim lands and societies. And Islam obligates to establish Islamic state and its administration, mosques, prayers, schools, judiciary, jihad and other necessary institutions to excel in such a process of purification. In such aspects Islam is unique; no other religion possesses such a holistic approach for remodelling humans' thought, behaviour, character and deeds on such a huge scale. The Arabic word *tahjeeb* also give the same connotation of "culture of purification". If such purification doesn't happen in a Muslim's life, then it is indeed a sure marker that some non-functional or dysfunctional elements work in his or her *muslimness*.

A Muslim must add some discernible value not only to its agricultural, mineral or industrial goods; rather the highest level of value must be added to his own life. As a result of such value-adding process, a believer becomes a refined man with a high level of *iman*, *taqwa* and moral immunity. He or she also shows a very high spirit for doing the good and forbidding the wrong; and turns a life-long fighter (*mujahid*) in reconstructing the state and community on the prophetic line. A Muslim sacrifices not only his assets, but also his life in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Only this way the Muslims emerge as the significant civilizational power –as happened in the past. Such a combatant believer in the way of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la gets adorned with the Divine qualities fit for entering into the paradise. In fact, paradise comes to Muslims' life as a final prize for successful completion of the refinement process. Those who withdraw from such an Islamic process, they indeed opt for a corruptive way down to the hellfire.

Islam's methodology of individual and societal change is based

on the True knowledge that directly came from Allah Sub'hana wa Tala. So, it is altogether different from the other faiths. Christianity spread over whole Europe and large part of Asia and Africa through brutal force of Roman King Constantine and other rulers. It happened more than 300 years after Jesus; and the peaceful methodology of Jesus didn't have any role in such spread. In the name of religion the genocidal massacre was so huge that the non-Christians didn't get any chance to survive.

The total annihilation of the Muslims in Spain after 7 hundred years of Muslim rule is a revealing testimony. Almost the total absence of pagans and other non-Christian in the so-called Holy Roman Empire gives another example. But Islam didn't need any help of a brutal king or ruler; its strength lies in its midst. Islam taught the Divine concept of the sociological change and it was revealed: "Tell O Muhammad! Everyone act according his own format; and your Lord best knows who is best guided in the path." –(Sura Isra, verse 84). First thing must be done first; hence for changing a man's belief and deeds it needs to bring a change in his format (*shakela*). And the format –as mentioned in the above verse that decides human's acts and behaviour and the ultimate submission to right path is not his or her physical format, neither is the race or the ethnicity. It is the ideological format –the pattern of his belief. It is indeed the paradigm of his thought. Hence those who want to bring changes in individual's attitudes, deeds and character and make his follower of the right path (*siratul mustaqeem*) must start working on his ideological makeup. So it needs deep ideological intervention and not brutal force. For that, the holy Qur'an is the most powerful and most effective instrument. And Allah Sub'hana wa Tala showed His Sunnah: He started His works with the revelation of the holy Qur'a. It showed the amazing success; and in fact it is unique in history.

Hence entering into Islam or to be a Muslim has a serious implication in one's life. It is not mere a change of name or

attire, but a total annulment of pre-Islamic thoughts and pattern of living. It also means total integration with the Qur'anic process of refinement. Otherwise Islam doesn't enter deep into the heart. It entails entering into an intensive and incessant process of purification; thus it prepares people for the paradise. It is indeed the greatest blessing to be the part of such a Divine process. One can't achieve such piety or purification by accepting other religion or adapting a solitary ascetic life. When a pagan accepts Christianity, unlike a Muslim he or she doesn't need to abandon his or her pagan way of eating, drinking, dressing or celebration. Rather, the pagan culture gets integrated into Christianity. Christianity thus embraced paganism, not the otherwise.

The Muslims are going downhill in terms of their character, behaviour and deeds. They also stand far away from the right path (*siratul mustaqeem*). Such a decline does not owe to the holy Qur'an or Islam. Rather it owes to the fact that the Qur'anic knowledge and prophetic Sunnah have not been allowed to shape the ideological format of the Muslims; instead the viruses of secularism, nationalism, racism, liberalism, monarchism, and other diseases were injected into the Muslim mind –that too in the name of education. So the ideological makeup of the most of the Muslims is badly damaged; and it stands no more Islamic. Therefore, how such a deformed Muslim can achieve the desired moral purification and follow the Divine roadmap? So they stand markedly deviated. Hence the greatest damage to the Muslim *ummah* has been inflicted not by the brutal army of invasions, rather by the ideological infiltration. The colonial occupation has formally ended; but the intellectual premise of the Muslims still stands heavily occupied by the evil ideologies. So the downhill course hasn't ended either.

**The danger of the detachment**

The Muslims' detachment from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is also very huge. And it is immensely catastrophic. It deprives not only from the victory and honour, but also from the Divine guidance. A believer's *muslimness* is his constant connectivity with Allha Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Any detachment from Him jeopardises all efforts to save souls from the hellfire. It is revealed: "Whoever holds fast to Allah, he indeed is guided to the right path." –(Sura Al-Imran, verse 101). So it is explicit that the Divine guidance comes only through attachment to Him. So, the danger of detachment is crucial. It brings deviation from *siratul mustaqeem* and takes down the route to hellfire. However, attachment to Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la doesn't mean reciting His holy names and compliance with the prayer rituals; rather full adherence to His Book of Guidance -the holy Qur'an in every sphere of life. And the detachment from the holy Qur'an not only detaches from Islam, but also detaches from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Such detachment is quite visible in the Muslim World. Only with such deep detachment, the Muslims could be so arrogant and rebellious to ignore sharia, *khelafa*, Muslim unity, jihad and other basics of Islam. Such detachment is enough to damage the direct link of getting help from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. Loss of such linkage is indeed the greatest deprivation of the Muslims today: no amount of gas, oil, manpower or other assets could compensate it. It is the real problem of today's Muslims. This is why about 1.3 billion Muslims stand powerless, helpless and excluded in the stage of world politics. In such a state of deep detachment, how can one save his soul from hellfire?

Success or victory comes only as a sanction from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, hence a small army can win against a huge army. It is revealed: "There is no victory except from Allah." –(Sura Anfal, verse 10). But the key to success or victory still lies in the human's hands. To qualify for blessing from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, it needs sincere intention (*niyah*), efforts and sacrifice. Humans get reward in the hereafter only

for such intention and efforts, not for any achieved victory. A man who hasn't ploughed any land, or hasn't sowed any seeds, how can he expect a harvest? Mere intention or supplication doesn't work. Whoever starts doing something with good intention; only then can expect the Divine blessing. It is revealed: "And for those who strive hard for Us, We shall surely guide them in Our ways; and indeed Allah is most surely with the doers of good."—(Sura Ankabut verse 69). Therefore, whenever a Muslim makes sincere efforts in His way receives the promised help from Him. And if Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la helps, who else can defeat him?

Because of their faith and commitment, the early Muslims received help in all fronts from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la; hence could easily defeat the Romans and the Persians empires and emerge as the number one world power. They didn't fear anybody except Him. The Almighty Lord asks the believer: "Don't fear people, fear Me." Whoever strives to seek the Qur'anic knowledge and does the practice –not only he starts getting His blessing, rather joins the Divine roadmap to paradise. And whoever engages in jihad in His way, he indeed joins the path of bringing down the promised army of angels on earth. He himself becomes the member of Army of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. And Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la's blessing is always with His Own army. A believer must understand such power dynamics and the Supremacy of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la. It is indeed the key element of the Muslim faith; any disbelief in such decisive Power of the Almighty is indeed the unpardonable blasphemy against Him. But such un-attenuated faith in the Power of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la is missing in most of the Muslims' political life; they fear the big powers. Hence they do politics, make compromises and forge alliances and do wars to please their global masters and to promote their own secular agenda. So the cause of Islam, sharia, *khilafa*, Muslim unity and jihad remains deeply neglected. With such neglect of Islamic cause, can anyone please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and enter into paradise? 06/09/2015 **(To be continued)**